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SYDNEY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1900.

Births.

BLOHE.—September 21, at Hargrave-street, Carrington, Newcastle, the wife of H. Blore—a daughter.

Deaths.

BROUGHTON.—September 18, at West Wyalong, Ethel Barbara, infant daughter of J. W. and Emily Broughton, aged 13 months.

GRAHAM.—September 27, at Armidale, accidentally killed (thrown from his saddle), Samuel, fourth son of Peter Graham, of Croydon, aged 29.

HACKSHALL.—September 27, 1900, at his late residence, 37 Lachlan-street, Summer Hill, Henry Hackshall, hairdresser, aged 38 years. At rest. Home papers please copy.

SANDERSON.—September 26, the result of a gun accident, William, eldest son of John Sanderson, Chisholm, Rutherford, aged 36. (By cable.)

TAYLOR.—September 27, 1900, at his residence, Shortlane, off Military-road, Neutral Bay, Benjamin Taylor, aged 71 years.

TORRENS.—September 27, 1900, at his residence, Railway-road, St. Peters, John Andrew Torrens, after a long and painful illness.

In Memoriam.

BROUGHTON.—In loving remembrance of our darling, Olive May Brogden, beloved daughter of John T. and Elizabeth Brogden, died September 28th, 1894, aged 17 years and 9 months.

ROSE.—In fond and loving remembrance of my dearly beloved mother, Mrs. Juli Ann Rose, who departed this life on the 28th September, 1898, at 67 Cambridge-street, Paddington, late residence of her son Thomas, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, and was for over 40 years a resident of Raymond Terrace, Hunter River. Requiescat in pace. Amen. Inserted by her son, Thomas Rose.

SETCHELL.—In loving memory of my dear wife Mary, who departed this life at her residence, 23 Wyndham-street, Alexandria, September 28th, 1898. Inserted by her loving husband and children. William Setchell.

THOMPSON.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Amelia, who departed this life September 28th, 1899. Inserted by her loving children, Jessie, Alice, Mon, Harry, Jack, and Sam.

TUCKETT.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, William Tuckett, who departed this life September 28th, 1899, aged 68 years. M. Dalton, H. Alexander.

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ARCADIA	8223	A. C. Loggin	Oct. 20
MOMBASA	6893	H. Crawford, C.B., R.N.R.	Nov. 1
BRITANNIA	6583	F. H. Seymour	Nov. 17
INDIA	7911	W. D. Worcester, R.N.R.	Dec. 1
AUSTRALIA	6901	I. Reeves	Dec. 15
VICTORIA	6587	E. Crews	Jan. 26
ROME	5545	J. Cowie, R.N.R.	1901. Jan. 12

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		1900	1900	1900
Polynesien	Chevalier	Oct. 2	Oct. 4	Oct. 6
Armand Behic	Le Gaspelier	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 3
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*WILLEHAD	4,761	H. Mayer	...	Sep. 29
KARLSRUHE	5,907	E. Rotz	Oct. 26	Oct. 30
*HONGIN LUISE	10,563	O. Volger	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
*BARBAROSSA	10,769	F. Mentz	Dec. 15	Dec. 22
				1901.
*G. KURFURST	13,326	W. Reinkasten	Jan. 19	Jan. 19
*FRIEDRICH d. G.	14,533	M. Eichel	Feb. 9	Feb. 16

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S.M.S.	Tons	Commander	Sydney, noon.	Melb. 1.30	Adel., 2 p.m.
OROYA	6297	R. Fletcher	Sept. 28	Oct. 2	Oct. 4
CUZCO	5010	W. S. Shelford	Oct. 12	Oct. 16	Oct. 18
ORUBA	5657	J. Lightfoot	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 1
*OPHIR	6910	F. S. Symons	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 15
AUSTRAL	5524	A. J. Cecil	Nov. 24	Nov. 27	Nov. 29
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LAUNCESTON—S.S. PATIENA, TO-DAY, FRIDAY, at 5 p.m.
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ADELAIDE WALLAROO PORT PIRIE PORT AUGUSTA	Buninyong, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 5 p.m.
ALBANY FREMANTLE (transhipping for Geraldton)	Buninyong, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 5 p.m. (No transhipment.)
BRISBANE MARYBOROUGH ROCKHAMPTON BUNDABERG GLADSTONE MACKAY TOWNSVILLE	Leura, To-morrow, Sat., 2 p.m. Konowarra, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 5 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m. Leura, To-morrow, Sat., 2 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m.
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WESTRALIA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, noon.

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TAMBO, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, noon.
From HOBART, October 4.

MELBOURNE and GEELONG—
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TWEED RIVER STEAMSHIP CO.'S S.S. AUGUSTA, FIRST BOAT to Tweed River direct from Albion Wharf, Market-st., THIS DAY, Friday, at 5 p.m., for Cudgen, Cudgera, Tweed, and Clarence, up to 6 o'clock. J. T. BULLOCH, agent.
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50 Young-street, Sydney,
27th September, 1900.
APPLICATIONS for the position of SECOND MATE, PILOT STEAMER S.S. AJAX, stationed at Newcastle, Department of Fisheries, are invited. Applicants must be more than 40 years of age, and must hold a master's foreign-going certificate of competency. The salary of the position, which is in the Government service, is £130 per annum, and the appointment will be made on a six months' probation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of the Public Service Act of 1895. The applications of suitable persons for the above position already in the Public Service will receive first consideration. Application must be made on a form for the purpose obtainable at the office, or from the Clerks of Petty Sessions in country districts, and must reach the undersigned not later than the 8th October proximo.
By order of the Board.
(8a-53) J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.

EIGHT-FT. C.B. DINGY and Gear, 20s. A. Farr's Boatshed, next Grant's, boilermaker, Pyrmont.
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A SITE for a Factory or Mill, Shipbuilder's Yard, and multitudinous other business purposes. WATER FRONTAGE to Berry's Bay and to the Railway.
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TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, 29th September, at 3 p.m.
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LOST, a GOLD CROSS, in the city. Reward, W. G. Jones, 4 Bligh-st., Sydney.
LOST, bet. Y.M.C.A. Hall, Erskine-st., Gold Earring Rev. S. Keddie, Rosch's Wav. Brew., Charlotte-pl.
LOST, Gold SLEEVE LINK. Reward, Editor, 211 Kent-st.
LOST, Sunday, near railway station, Gold Bar BROOCH. Reward, 56 Pitt-st.
LOST, Gold Monogram SLEEVE STUD. Reward on return to W. H. S., 272 George-st.
LOST, gold BROOCH CHAIN (tickets attached), reward. St. Paul's College, Newtown-road.
LOST, Sun., cars, bet. Waverley, Cent. Pk., Gold, st., Ruby's White Fur COAT. 180 Nelson-st., Ann Dale.
LOST, Gold-rimmed glasses, William-st. or thereabout. Tooze maker: rew. J. Doyle, Maryville, Riley-st.
LOST, Gold BANGLE, George-st., Sydney; reward. J. Roberts, 1 Queen-st., Newtown.
LOST, TARPAULIN, No. 277 Reward. Whitehead and Co., King and York sts.
LOST, Gold EYEGLASSES, Wednesday night, bet. Theatre Royal and Rlwy. sts. Reward, 29 Imp. Arcade.
LOST, a Buggy RUG, in Waverley, Wednesday night. Rew. Herald Office, King-st.
LOST, Spaniel 1900, returned rewarded, detained by unscrupulous. Keary, coachbuilder, Newtown-rd.
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LOST, Dachsund PUP, chocolate colour, in Oxford-st., Paddington; rew. O. Meurer, 92 Sutherland-st., Pa.
LOST, Green PURSE, either Cent. Park or Oxford-st., Paddington. Rew., 88 Dowling-st., Moore Park, Red.
LOST, at Ocean-st., near cable tram, Silver-mounted PURSE. Reward, Take, news agent, Darling Point.
LOST, the Morning Brodcaster now lost: 4 stns to DICKENS' WHISKY.
LOST, on Wednesday evening, at the Centenary Hall, Gold-rimmed SPECTACLES, in case. Reward on returning to DIBBS, GIBSON, and PARKER, 89 Pitt-street.
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SYDNEY TO COMO AND PARKESVALE.

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RETURN TICKETS (including trip by rail to Como and steamer to Parkesvale) will be issued at Sydney, Sydenham, and intermediate stations by trains leaving Sydney, as under:
WEDNESDAYS at 2.10 p.m.
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RETURN FARES: 2s 3d First-class; 1s 6d Second-class.
By order of the Commissioners.
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

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Supported by a Powerful Cast of Characters.

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THE GREAT HOLIDAY PRODUCTION,
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STEAMERS FROM FOOT KING-STREET.

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DANCING.—Avenue, Lane Cove River, 8-hour Day, 10 till 10, Rosen's music. Admission, 1s.

ALEXANDER—YOUNG PAGE Entertainment, To-morrow Evg., Centenary Hall. New Programme.

Religious Announcements.

BAPTIST UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.
President for 1900-1, Rev. W. A. SOUTHWELL.
FRIDAY, September 28th, Bathurst street church. 10 a.m., Devotional Meeting, D. Howell, Esq., to preside. 11 a.m., Conference, Rev. Dr. Porter to preside. Paper on "Organised Congregationalism" by Rev. F. Price. Rev. A. J. Waldock to lead discussion. 7.30 p.m., Business Session. 8 p.m., Burton-street Tabernacle, Public Meeting of Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. President of the Union in the chair. Secretary's and Treasurer's Combined Reports. Speakers: Mr. an' Mrs Inge, outgoing missionaries, Revs. H. Clark and A. E. Bickwell.
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WILLIAMSON OPERA COMPANY,
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Mr. P. R. Batsford ..... as ..... Luiz
Mr. W. B. Beattie ..... as ..... Antonio
Mr. S. Leslie ..... as ..... Annibale
Mr. Fred. England ..... as ..... Giorgio
Miss Carrie Moore ..... as ..... Gianetta
Miss Maud Chetwynd ..... as ..... Tessa
Miss Cecil Englehart ..... as ..... Casilda
Miss Jessie Cope ..... as ..... Duchess of Plaza-Toro
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THE
NANCE O'NEIL SEASON.
TWO SPECIAL AFTERNOON PERFORMANCES will be given of
FEDORA,
viz.,
MONDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 1st (EIGHT-HOURS DAY),
and the
USUAL WEDNESDAY MATINEE, OCTOBER 3rd.
The Box Plan now open.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
THE NANCE O'NEIL SEASON,
beginning
TO-MORROW (SAT.) NIGHT, Sept. 29.
RETURN TO SYDNEY
of the Charming Young American Tragedienne,
NANCE O'NEIL.
The Season will be inaugurated with the production of Sardou's Famous Play,
FEDORA
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FEDORA ..... NANCE O'NEIL
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A part in which she has recently achieved such a brilliant success in Melbourne and Adelaide.
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TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT, at 8 o'clock,
NANCE O'NEIL in SARDOU'S GREAT PLAY,
FEDORA
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NOTE.—"Fedora" will be presented on a scale of the most elaborate completeness, and will be interpreted by the following exceptionally well-balanced and brilliant cast:—
FEDORA ..... NANCE O'NEIL
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Gretch (chief of police) ..... Mr. Joseph Carne
Mme. Nouvel ..... Mr. Harry Overton Berroff ..... Mr. Charles Field
Dr. Lorck ..... Mr. Barton Hill
Tchileff (a jeweller) ..... Mr. George Backs
Desire ..... Mr. William Bennett
Kirill ..... Mr. J. Davidson
Basil ..... Mr. Alfred Tuliett
Dr. Muller ..... Mr. J. Hutchins
Ivan ..... Mr. J. Wood
Baron Lesinski ..... Mr. J. B. Atholwood
Vernet ..... Mr. G. S. Tracy
Gretsov ..... Mr. J. W. Campbell
Dimitri ..... Miss Josephine Thrane
Countess Olga Soukaroff ..... Miss Rosy Barton
The Baroness ..... Miss Thistle Anderson
Madame de Thèze ..... Miss Edith Harry
Marka ..... Miss Alice Crawford
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PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

HOSPITAL BALL.

The annual ball in aid of the Parramatta District Hospital, under the auspices of the Dundas Police Committee, took place in the Dundas Town Hallon Wednesday evening, when the hall was crowded. There was a good sprinkling of visitors from Parramatta, and Mr. Edward Torry, M.L.A., the member for the district, was also present. The refreshments, which were provided by the committee in a liberal manner, were served in a large marquee adjoining the hall. Both the hall and the marquee were artistically decorated, the tables being decorated by Mesdames Grime and Harper. The affair was a pronounced success, and a good sum should be available for the object for which the ball was held.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

On Wednesday, in celebration of the anniversary of the Congregational Sunday School, the annual excursion was held, Athol Gardens being the place selected. In addition to the Sunday school children a large number of parents and friends availed themselves of the opportunity, and a very enjoyable day was spent.

COOK'S TOURISTS.

The Parramatta Progress Association, with a view to increasing the popularity of the district, decided to invite the manager of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, the tourist organisers, to drive round the district, and if possible then arrange for a weekly tourists trip. Mr. J. J. Taylor interviewed the manager on Wednesday, when he at once accepted the invitation, and expressed the belief that a service enabling tourists to visit the famous orange district would be popular. Mr. C. B. Carroll has offered to place a drag at the disposal of the progress committee for the occasion. It is proposed to arrange a weekly service.

SMITHFIELD AND FAIRFIELD COUNCIL.

A meeting of the council was held on Wednesday evening, the Mayor, Alderman Bell, presiding. In reference to the opening of the new post-office Alderman Anthony suggested some public celebration. It was decided to consider the proposal. Alderman Davison moved a resolution to the effect that it was desirable to establish a free public library in the municipality, and that the Minister for Public Instruction be communicated with on the subject. The proposal did not meet with much support, and was eventually negatived. The Mayor favoured the establishment of a School of Arts. On the motion of Alderman Davison it was resolved to ask the Minister for Education to establish one or more branch classes of the Granville Technical School at Wetherill Park. It was thought that at this centre enough pupils could be easily obtained for a class in agriculture. The council then went into committee to consider a letter from the Prospect and Sherwood Council asking co-operation in an effort to get a tramway from Parramatta to Smithfield. It was thought that a tramway such as that suggested would prove a payable concern, and it was decided to support the proposal.

MERRYLANDS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Merrylands and District Progress Association on Wednesday evening a communication was received from the Postal Department stating that arrangements had been made for telegraphic messages for Guildford to be sent direct in future. It was pointed out that the 5.45 train from Sydney was generally overcrowded, and it was decided to ask the Railway Commissioners to make this train a Southern train only.

PARRAMATTA ROWING CLUB.

The Parramatta Rowing Club, which for some time past has been in a moribund state, has been reformed and a strong committee elected. Mr. F. W. Tedbuster has been elected captain, and Mr. A. S. Wickham secretary. It is expected that under the new management a large number of members will be enrolled.

GRANVILLE COUNCIL.

The council met on Wednesday evening, the Mayor (Alderman Mahony) presiding. A letter was received from the Public Works Department asking the council's permission to erect a rat incinerator in the Town Hall yard for the purpose of destroying the rodents caught in the city. The Mayor said he had been interviewed by an officer who had asked for permission, and he distinctly told the officer, "No." It might be a good thing for Sydney, but they did not want anything to do with the plague rats. At any rate he was not going to have the incinerator placed there. Alderman Hewitt called attention to the irregular delivery of letters at the south end of the borough, and the Mayor promised to communicate with the postmistress on the matter. At the request of Aldermen Windsor, the Mayor promised to have a report made of all vehicles plying for hire, as it was understood that there were a number of vehicles not registered.

EIGHT-HOURS DAY.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH ARRANGEMENTS.

Monday next being a public holiday in the county of Cumberland, the following arrangements will be observed in the Postal and Electric Telegraph Department:—

At the General Post Office the delivery office will be open from 8.45 to 10 a.m., but access to the private letter boxes may be had at any time day or night. The Registry Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Inquiry and Postage-stamp Sale Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The country mails usually despatched in the afternoon and evening, also the coastwise, intercolonial, and foreign mails, will close at 5 p.m. Letters may also be posted in the late letter-box at the Sydney railway station without late fee, but the postage must be fully prepaid, or they will not be forwarded until next post. The first delivery only (8 a.m.) will be made by letter carriers. The Parcels Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Money Order Office and Government Savings Bank will be open from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. for paying only. The Telegraph Office will be open as on ordinary days. The branch offices in the city of Sydney, suburban, and country offices in the county of Cumberland will be open as on ordinary days, except offices at which only one official (in addition to a letter-carrier or messenger) is employed, which will be open from 9 to 10 a.m., and if they do not ordinarily close at 6 p.m., from 6 to 8 p.m. The first delivery only will be made by letter-carrier. The iron pillar receivers and letter-boxes in the city and suburbs will be cleared once only, at eight or early morning.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

The Railway Department anticipate that a considerable number of persons will be travelling to-day and to-morrow in connection with the holiday on Monday, and the train arrangements are made to cater for this expected traffic, as in addition to the week end excursion trains the following trains at excursion rates will run:—Friday, September 28, 4.50 p.m. for Mount Victoria, 5.15 p.m. for Goulburn; Saturday, September 29, 1.15 p.m. for Newcastle, 6.5 p.m. for Gosford, 1.30 p.m. for Mount Victoria, 4.8 p.m. for Nowra; Monday, October 1, 7.30 a.m. for Nowra, 7.38 a.m. for Wollongong, 8.0 a.m. for Goulburn, 8.10 a.m. for Mount Victoria, 8.20 a.m. for Eskbank, 8.5 a.m. for Gosford. The tickets are available for return by any train except Melbourne express and Northern and Western mail trains, up to and including October 8. A cheap excursion is also to be given to Brisbane, return fares £4 first-class, £3 second-class, the train leaving Sydney at 5.55 p.m. to-morrow, Saturday. The excursion to the Hawkesbury will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m. on October 1, available for return by train from Hawkesbury at 4.20 p.m. same day. Commencing on Friday holiday excursion tickets will be issued from Sydney and metropolitan suburban stations to stations outside the metropolitan suburban area and vice versa up to October 1, available until October 8. Several alterations will be made in the running of the early workmen's train on the suburban lines, but additional trains will be run between Homebush and Sydney from 9.0 a.m. to 11.0 a.m., and in the evening special relief trains will also be run from Sydney to cope with the return traffic. On October 1 a frequent service will be given to Lady Robinson's Beach, Sans Souci, Como, Sutherland, and National Park.

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A LOVE STORY OF OLD MADRID.

By F. MARION CRAWFORD,
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CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

And then begun a struggle fierce and grim, that tore his soul and wounded his heart as no death agony could have hurt him. Since he had judged her unjustly, since it had all been a hideous dream, since she was still the child that had been all in all to him throughout her life, since all was changed, he did not wish to die, he bore the dead man no hatred, it was no soothing satisfaction to his outraged heart to know him dead of a sword wound in the breast, far away in the room where they had left him, there was no fierce regret that he had not driven the thrust himself. The man was as innocent as the innocent girl, and he himself as innocent as both, was to be led out to die to shield the King—no more. His life was to be taken for that only, and he no longer set its value at naught nor wished it over. He was the mere scapegoat, to suffer for his master's crime, since crime it was and nothing better. And since he was willing to bear the punishment, or since there was now no escape from it, had he not at least the human right to proclaim his innocence to the only being he really loved? It would be monstrous to deny it. What could she do, after all, even if she knew the truth? Nothing. No one would dare to believe her if she accused the King. She would be shut up in a convent as a mad woman, but in any case she would certainly disappear to end her life in some religious house as soon as he was dead. Poor girl—she had loved Don John with all her heart—what could the world hold for her, even if the disgrace of her father's death were not to shut her out of the world altogether, as it inevitably must. She would not live long, but she would live in the profoundest sorrow. It would be an alleviation, almost the greatest possible, to know that her father's hand was not stained by such a deed.

The temptation to speak out was overwhelming, and he knew that the time was short. At any moment Ray Gomez might open the door and bid him part from her, and there would be small chance for him of seeing her again. He stood uncertain, with bent head and folded arms, and she watched him, trying to bring herself to touch his hand again and bear his lies.

His loyalty to the King, that was like a sort of madness, stood between him and the words he longed to say. It was the habit of his long soldier's life, unbending as the corslet he wore and enclosing his soul as the steel encased his body, proof against every cruelty, every unkindness, every insult. It was better to die a traitor's death for the King's secret than to live for his own honour. So it had always seemed to him, since he had been a boy and had learned to fight under the great Emperor. But now he knew that he wavered as he had never done in the most desperate charge, when life was but a missile to be flung in the enemy's face, and found or not when the fray was over. There was no intoxication of fury now, there was no far ring of glory in the air, there was no victory to be won. The hard and hideous fact stared him in the face, that he was to die like a malefactor by the hangman's hand, and that the sovereign who had graciously deigned to accept the sacrifice, had tortured him for nearly half an hour without mercy in the presence of a inferior, in order to get a few facts on paper which might help his now royal credit. And as if that were not enough, his own daughter was to live after him, believing that he had cruelly murdered the man she most dearly loved. It was more than humanity could bear.

His brow unbent, his arms unfolded themselves, and he held them out to Dolores with a smile almost gentle.

"There is no blood on these hands, my little girl," he said tenderly. "I did not do it, child." Let me hold you in my arms once, and kiss you before I go. We are both innocent—we can bless one another before we part for ever."

The pure, grey eyes opened wide in amazement. Dolores could hardly believe her ears, as she made a step towards him, and then stopped, shrinking, and then made one step more. Her lips moved and wondering words came to him, so low that he could hardly understand, save that she questioned him.

"You did not do it!" she breathed. "You did not kill him after all? But then—who—why?"

Still she hesitated, though she came slowly nearer, and a faint light warmed her sorrowful face.

"You must try to guess who and why," he said, in a tone as low as her own. "I must not tell you that."

"I cannot guess," she answered; but she was close to him now, and she had taken one of his hands softly in both her own, while she gazed into his eyes. "How can I understand unless you tell me? Is it so great a secret that you must die for it, and never tell it? Oh, father, father! Are you sure—quite sure?"

"He was dead already when I came into the room," Mendoza answered. "I did not even see him hurt."

"But then—yes—then"—her voice sank to a whisper—"then it was the King!"

He saw the words on her lips rather than heard them, and she saw in his face that she was right. She dropped his hand and threw her arms round his neck, pressing her bosom to his breastplate; and suddenly her love for him awoke, and she began to know how she might have loved him if she had known him through all the years that were gone.

"It cannot be that he will let you die!" she cried softly. "You shall not die!" she cried again, with sudden strength, and her light frame shook his as if she would wrench him back from inevitable fate.

"My little girl," he answered, most tenderly clasping her to him, and most thoughtfully, last his armour should hurt her, "I can die happy now, for I have found all of you again."

"You shall not die! You shall not die!" she cried. "I will not let you go—they must take me, too—"

"No power can save me now, my darling," he answered. "But it does not matter, since you know. It will be easy now."

She could only hold him with her small hands, and say over and over again that she would not let him go.

"Ah! why have you never loved me before in all these years?" he cried. "It was my fault—all my fault."

"I love you now with all my heart," she answered, "and I will save you, even from the King! and you and I and Inez will go far away, and you two shall comfort me and love me till I go to him."

Mendoza shook his head sadly, looking over her shoulder as he held her, for he knew that there was no hope now. Had he known, or half guessed, but an hour or two ago, he would have turned on his heel from the door of Don John's chamber, and he would have left the King to bear the blame or shift it as he could.

"It is too late, Dolores. God bless you, my dear, dear child! It will soon be over—two days at most, for the people will cry out for the blood of Don John's murderer; and when they see mine they will be satisfied. It is too late now. Good-bye, my little girl, good-bye! The blessing of all heaven be on your dear head!"

Dolores nestled against him, as she had never done before, with the feeling that she had found something that had been wanting in her life, at the very moment when the world, with all it held for her, was slipping over the edge of eternity.

"I will not leave you," she cried again. "They shall take me to your prison, and I will stay with you and take care of you, and never leave you; and at last I shall save your life, and then—"

The door of the corridor opened, and she saw Ray Gomez standing in the entrance, as if he were waiting. His face was calm and grave as usual, but she saw a profound pity in his eyes.

"No, no!" she cried to him, "not yet—one moment more!"

But Mendoza turned his head at her words, looking over his shoulder, and he saw the Prince also.

"I am ready," he said, briefly, and he tried to take Dolores' hands from his neck. "It is time," he said to her. "Be brave, my darling! We have found each other at last. It will not be long before we are together forever."

He kissed her tenderly once more, and loosed her hold, putting her two hands together and kissing them also.

"I will not say good-bye," she said. "It is not good-bye—it shall not be. I shall be with you soon."

His eyes lingered upon hers for a moment, and then he broke away, setting his teeth lest he should choke and break down. He opened the door and presented himself to the halberdiers. Dolores heard his familiar voice give the words of command.

"Close up! Forward, march!"

(To be continued.)

MILITARY INQUIRY.

MAJOR-GENERAL FRENCH AND COLONEL TAUNTON RE-EXAMINED.

The select committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into and report upon the general administration of the Military Department and despatch of troops to South Africa sat yesterday at Parliament House. There were present—Messrs. Sleath (chairman), Cook, Hurley, and Meagher. Colonel J. E. D. Taunton, Assistant Quartermaster-General, tendered himself for examination in reply to some of the evidence that had been given by other witnesses since he had been previously examined. The first matter dealt with was with reference to the shape and quality of the helmets supplied to the contingents. The chairman conducted the examination, and in a short time the witness strongly protested against the manner in which he was being cross-examined. He indignantly declined "to be bullied" by the chairman. The latter denied that he was bullying, and added that the witness evidently wanted to escape answering certain questions. Colonel Taunton strongly repudiated the chairman's assertion, and said that his earnest desire was to tell the whole truth about the despatch of the contingents.

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Major-General French: I will make inquiries into the matter.

The committee then adjourned to 11 a.m. the following day.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

THE TEMORA-GUNBAR RAILWAY.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works met yesterday for the purpose of further considering the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Temora to Gunbar. The only witness called was Mr. F. A. Byrne, M.L.A. for Hay, who stated that the country from Warri to Hillston, which he knew intimately, was mainly good agricultural land eminently suitable for mixed farming in holdings of 2000 acres. This he could say from his own personal knowledge and not merely from the statements he had heard from men who had taken up land in the district. He had also received a number of inquiries from persons in Victoria as various parts of New South Wales, including the Hay district, as to the possibility of the railway extension being carried out, as they proposed to take up land there if the question could be answered in the affirmative. The proposed line was, however, rather close to the Hay line, and that in any other part of the country would probably be regarded as an obstacle, but the great portion of good land that would be served by this line involved the carriage of agricultural products over distances varying from 35 to 45 miles, and this was keeping back the development of the district. He thought the construction of the line should be recommended as developmental. There were so large freeholds along the route of the proposed railway, whilst the leaseholds around would shortly be falling in when the land would be available for closer settlement.

SOUTH SUBURBAN ELECTORAL ROLLS.

The police of the Redfern division have completed the work of revising the electoral rolls of the electorates of Redfern, Waterloo, Darlington, and Botany, with the following results:—

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Botany Electorate.—North Division: Number formerly enrolled, 3000; names struck off, 819; names added, 734; number now enrolled, 2915. A decrease of 85 on the former enrolment. South Division: Number formerly enrolled, 818; names struck off, 276; names added, 317; number now enrolled, 857. An increase on the former total of 39.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

GILES v. GILES.

Mr. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Jones and Jones, appeared for the plaintiff, Mrs. Ann Minna Giles (nee Mackellar); Mr. Harvey, instructed by Mr. T. Maughan Kennedy, appeared for the defendants, Arthur Giles, William Henry Savigny, Norman Fitz, and John Mackellar Giles, Arthur Giles, and Marjory Mackellar Giles (the three latter being infants). This was a friendly suit brought by Mrs. Giles for the rectification of her marriage settlement by the omission of that portion by which property acquired by her after her marriage was brought into the settlement, on the ground that the only property that was intended to be included in the settlement was the proceeds of the evidence that had been given by other witnesses since he had been previously examined. The first matter dealt with was with reference to the shape and quality of the helmets supplied to the contingents. The chairman conducted the examination, and in a short time the witness strongly protested against the manner in which he was being cross-examined. He indignantly declined "to be bullied" by the chairman. The latter denied that he was bullying, and added that the witness evidently wanted to escape answering certain questions. Colonel Taunton strongly repudiated the chairman's assertion, and said that his earnest desire was to tell the whole truth about the despatch of the contingents.

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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re John Edward Hanecak. As the bankrupt's affidavit in reply to the official assignee's report had only just been filed the application was adjourned until the 4th proximo.

Re Edward Young. The Registrar directed that the bankrupt should be informed that unless an answer (which would be accepted as evidence) to the official assignee's report was filed he would proceed to adjudication on October 25, until which date the matter was adjourned.

Re Thomas Flaherty. This matter was adjourned by consent until October 25.

Re William Harris. Mr. M'Laughlin appeared as solicitor for the bankrupt, and Mr. A. W. M'Carthy as solicitor for the official assignee. The latter stated that some matters had come to the official assignee's knowledge lately which required investigation, and accordingly asked for an adjournment. The application was granted, Mr. M'Laughlin to be at liberty to file further affidavits in reply to the official assignee's report or amended report.

MOTION TO REVIEW.

Re William Boyes Wilkinson. This was a motion to review, rescind, or vary the order refusing a certificate of discharge. The Registrar said that the order refusing the certificate had never been taken out, and as it must be taken out before a motion of this kind could be heard, the matter was adjourned until October 4.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re John Samuel Whatmore. The bankrupt was examined by Mr. A. W. M'Carthy, who appeared for the official assignee, and he was directed to file a complete statement of affairs and accounts by the 8th proximo, copies of which are to be furnished to the official assignee. Adjourned until October 11.

Re Martha Elizabeth Beard and Enoch William Beard. As accounts had not been filed the matter, on the application of Mr. A. W. M'Carthy, who appeared for the official assignee, was adjourned until the 11th proximo.

Re W. T. Ashton. For a similar reason this examination was adjourned until October 4.

Re George Kingsbury Sircom. The Registrar made an order for the payment by bankrupt on behalf of his creditors of the sum of £14 per month. First payment on October 1.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Francis Peter Murphy, of Rocky Point-road, Arncliffe, dairyman. Mr. L. J. Lloyd, official assignee.

Selby Pierce Wood, of West Maitland and Armidale, tailor's canvasser. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

COURT OF REVIEW.

(Before Judge Murray.)

CASES POSTPONED.

Mr. J. L. Campbell said it was found that the cases of the P. and O. S. N. Company and the Orient S. N. Company could not be gone on with to-day, and he therefore asked for a postponement until the 18th October next. Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith and Co., appeared for the Orient Company, and consented to the application.

Hearing adjourned accordingly.

QUESTION OF DEDUCTION FOR INTEREST.

Re J. P. Rogers and T. D. Rogers.

Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Commissioners of Taxation; and Mr. Paden, instructed by Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley, for the appellants, who are graziers carrying on business at Cobbadah, in the Coonabarabran district. An assessment was made by the Commissioners of Taxation on the partnership, on the basis of the return of income derived by each individual from the partnership, and there was no assessment of the partnership as a partnership. The station consisted partly of freehold and partly Crown lands, and it was worked as one. From the gross income was allowed as deductions the sum of £5607, but the Commissioners disallowed £100 for life insurance, £437 for scrubbing and clearing, and a certain proportion of the interest. The interest claimed was £4342, but the Commissioners were only prepared to allow £1310 and disallowed £1122 as attributable to freehold income. They claimed the right to take out of the interest paid by the taxpayer a certain proportion as attributable solely to the land, and they divided the balance as between the earnings of the freehold and the Crown lands; and Mr. Campbell pointed out that the allowance had been made following his Honor's decision in Brewer's case, and the plea suggested in that case had been adopted, thus protecting the interest and arriving at the deductions which could reasonably be allowed. As to scrubbing and clearing, he did not suppose that there would be any difficulty with the Commissioners as to so much of the expenditure as was necessary for clearing the land. In regard to the life insurance the Commissioners had allowed £50 to each individual partner, which amounted to the same thing.

As it appeared in the course of the argument that a difference of opinion existed as to the actual nature of the compromise arrived at between the appellants and the Commissioners in reference to the computation of income, the further hearing of the case was adjourned to the 18th October in order that the fact might be settled.

CASE STRUCK OUT.

Re E. S. Stewart. This matter had been adjourned to allow appellant to send in a return of income, and as he did not now appear the appeal was struck out.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL CASES.

Mr. Campbell said that there were five or six cases under the Land Tax, in which special cases were to be stated, and he asked his Honor to fix a date for the purpose. In Armstrong's case there was a slight variation between the actual facts and those assumed by his Honor which might have some effect upon the judgment. That was a case in which a mortgage was executed out of the colony and kept out of the colony, and the mortgagor and mortgagee lived out

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—September 27.

Rockton, s., 1979 tons, Captain Marcus M. Osborne, from Cairns, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Brindle, Henderson, Moore, M. Collin, Pilots Colonna, Thomson, Messrs. D. Teal, J. Roberts, J. Watson, Foster, J. Wells, J. Wilson, J. C. Dorsett, M. M'Donald, W. Wilson, Master V. Dowsett. For Southern ports: Messrs. F. Ridgway, A. F. M'Donald, E. B. Grassfield, Maggie, A. F. Bredbert, and 56 in the second cabin. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Kellaline, s., 680 tons, Captain Magee, from Clarence River. Passengers—Mesdames Brindle, Henderson, Rivers, Williams, Jones, Barron, Misses Jones (2), Brindle (3), Henderson, Ballard, Rev. A. Barron, Father Kirly, Messrs. M. Avery, H. Horwitz, W. M'Phee, F. G. Henderson, R. Henderson, F. Thompson, P. Flaherty, R. S. Cocks, E. D. Andrew, T. Cross, H. Hattam, G. Amy, C. M'Auley, Master Henderson, and 5 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Tomki, s., 550 tons, Captain L. Paulson, from Richmond River September 27. Passengers—Mesdames M'Leod, Crawford, W. Crawford, Breckenridge, Crossmann, Takewal, Kirkland, Adams, Myers, Davis, Nurse Crawford, Misses Grey, Dunstan, Hayes, A. Hayes, Dr. Maw, Cooper J. M'Phee, J. Messrs. Brown, J. Brown, G. H. Davis, Friedman, Lewis, Giles, Dunlop, Thompson, Lawler, Masters Brown, Schick, Fuller, Mobbs, and 16 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Eden, s., 692 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden September 26. Passengers—Madames Newton, St. Leon, Russell, Misses Wright, Collis, Wilkinson, Newton, Messrs. Mollett, Marshall, Smith, Martell (2), Roberts, Higman, and 4 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Colac, s., 1480 tons, Captain K. A. Berg, from Melbourne and Geelong. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Macleay, s., 388 tons, Captain W. Bailey, from Richmond River. Passengers—Messrs. Wallace and Hudson. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kanawha, s., 1613 tons, Captain R. Brissenden, from Queensland ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Sydney, s., 634 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Waikare, s., 3050 tons, Captain H. J. Richardson, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Tourny, French barque, 1098 tons, Captain Jaguret, from Noumea.

Illawarra, s., 526 tons, Captain J. Garde, from South Coast ports. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Miltiades, ship, 1432 tons, from London June 28. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents.

September 28.

Mareeba, s., 1747 tons, Captain Watt, from Queensland, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—September 27.

Kasuga Maru, s., for Japan, via Manila and Hongkong. Chang-sha, s., for Hongkong, via ports.

Tambo, s., for Port Phillip. Passenger—Mr. W. P. Burns.

Tambo, s., 232 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, for Hobart. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Green, Miss Donovan (2), Messrs. W. A. M'Intyre, Burn, H. Bishop, and 10 in the steerage.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—September 27.

Wellumbah, s., for Tweed River; Pilt Forbes, ketch, for Lake Macquarie; Theresa, ketch, for Brisbane Water.

IMPORTS.—September 27.

Miltiades, ship, from London: 150 bales 154 rolls 44 packages paper, 25 packages stationery, 25 packages writing paper, 1291 packages oilmen's stores, 167 cases pickles, 448 slate slabs, 1229 tiles, 50 cases stout, 25 cases varnish, 1201 cases wines, 76 cases matches, 20 cases potatoes, 30 cases fish, 201 packages 146 kegs paint and colours, 22 cases wood, 40 drums carbolic acid, 2024 kegs white lead, 25 cases oil, 570 cases spirits, 460 case 12 cases whisky, 40 case vinegar, 235 cases sauce, 195 packages shovels, 83 cases horseshoe nails, 20 cases varnish, 50 cases jam, 261 cases sardines, 10 quarter-casks rum, 1750 cases beer, 211 packages 1 barrel 10 drums oil, 67 packages paperhangings, 48 cask bolts and nuts, 300 drums tar, 22 cases fungus and bellows, 30 tanks mat, 70 cases starch, 40 kegs saltpetre, 10 bales marline, 28 anchors, 22 kegs nails, 50 casks lamplack, 263 packages drugguets' sundries, 62 boxes scythe stones, 21 cartarms, 174 packages flowcloth, 57 cases glassware, 67 packages hollowware, 26 cases furniture, 51 crates bottles, 21 cases glue, 220 packages hardware, 98 packages bottles and glassware, 125 bundles spelters, 135 plates iron, 125 kegs rivets, 161 steel plates, 636 steel rails, 4300 bundles fishplates, 200 cases drapery, 30 cases helitoads, 40 cases hessians, 80 casks rum, 300 pipes brandy, 10 cases brandy, 144 cases beer, 50 tons iron, 17 cases bolts, and 500 packages general merchandise: also sundries for Newcastle.

Tomki, s., from Richmond River: 49 bags maize, 2 bags beans, 526 bags sugar, 5 bags oysters, 3 bags seed, 18 bags hides, 4 bales skins, 3 calves, 290 cases eggs, 5 cases meat, 2 cases fish, 4 casks tallow, 5 coops poultry, 30 bales, 3 casks honey, 4 crates fruit, 16 cases honey, 6 bags butter, 25 bags potatoes, 25 pine logs, 19 beech logs, 7 cedar logs, 800ft. boxwood, 92 piggs, a-d large sundries.

Rockton, s., from Cairns, via ports: 5524 bunches bananas, 6050 sacks 100 bags sugar, 8 bags hides, 103 hides, 2 casks tallow, 40 bags 7 tones, 4 bags oysters, 199 cases fruit, 8 casks beef, 40 bags potatoes, 18 bundles, 10 bags, 2 packages merchandise, 1 box gold (value £2968), a quantity sundries, and 580 tons for Southern ports.

Kalatina, s., from Clarence River: 349 bags maize, 437 bags 220 sacks sugar, 51 sacks bottles, 45 sacks peas, 8 sacks bones, 332 cases eggs, 15 cases fish, 175 boxes butter, 10 cases cream, 83 skins bacon, 20 coops poultry, 6 hides skins, 235 hides, 1 cask tallow, 68 pigs, and sundries.

Eden, s., from Eden: 946 cases butter, 57 cases eggs, 428 bags bark, 28 bags c. food, 220 bags oats, 20 bags, 2 cases fish, 112 pigs, 1 horse, 1330 cases oil, 4 crates hares, 14 bags oysters, 48 bags maizena, 5 bags bacon, 4 coops poultry, 7 bags fish, and sundries.

Macleay, s., from Richmond River: 30 bags maize, 900 bags sugar, 1 bag oysters, 90 cases eggs, 14 bags butter, 8 pigs, and sundries.

Tourny, barque, from Noumea: 120 tons salt.

EXPORTS.—September 27.

Tambo, s., for Hobart: 250 sheep, 100 cases c. tins, 100 cases aerated water, 1000 cases kerosene, 15 boxes corn flour, 69 cases beer, 680 bags sugar, 4 cases confectionery, 4 cases hats and mercery, 10 bags kaiak, 20 cases matches, 25 bags potatoes, 26 cases potash, 10 casks sulphur, 10 cases ale, 2 cases drapery, 28 cases cornflour, 14 bags hops, 3 cases marble, 10 cases ironware, 10 cases meat, 10 cases sheep wash, 3 quarter-casks whisky, 140 cases fruit, and sundries.

Kasuga Maru, s., for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports: 6201 bags flour, 833 cases meats, 1000 half-cases fruit, 156 bales flax, 85 boxes and 10 cases butter, 19 cases wine, 78 packages produce, 328 bales wool, 100 casks oleine, 64 bales glycerine, 60 packages hoofs, 803 bags bones, 161 bags hoofs, 27 packages pirabas, 50 bags feathers, 50 packages snows, 11 bales scrolls, 1188 bags coke, 222 pieces timber, 82 bags fungus, 12 bags beche-de-mer, 16 bales skins, 56 bales leather, 4523 bars lead, 43 packages old metal, 40 bundles iron, 6 boxes gold ($2000), 15 cases matches, and sundries, also sundries from Melbourne.

Chanaba, s., for Hongkong, via ports: 25 casks 45 cases beer, 61 cases schnapps, 214 bags fungus, 31 bags 23 bundles old metal, 600 quarter-sacks flour, 20 bags coal, 9 half-cases fruit, 56 sacks salt, 54 cases sheep, 10 bales paper, 20 bags rosewood, 20 bags lime, 71 bundles wire rope, 1126 bars lead, 1000 carcases mutton, 1128 carcases lamb, 178 carcases veal, 14 pork sides, 42 carcases pigs, 41 horses, 3 cows, and sundries, also cargo from Melbourne and 200 tons coal from Newcastle.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: September 27, Barcoo, s., from Townsville; Wodonga, s., from Cooktown; Innamincka, s., from Melbourne; Burwah, s., from Sydney; Kanowarra, s., from Rockhampton.

GLADSTONE.—Arrival: September 27, Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane.

FITZROY BAY.—Arrival: September 26, Duke of Westminster, from Brisbane.

FLINTON.—Arrivals: September 27, Peregrine, s., from Brisbane; Warango, s., from Brisbane.

CAIRNS.—Departures: September 26, Cintra, s., for Brisbane. September 27, Bachera, s., for Cooktown.

COOKTOWN.—Departures: September 27, Maranoa, s., for Brisbane.

YAMBA.—Arrival: September 27, City of Grafton, from a depth of 12ft. 6in. in the southern channel and 14ft. in the eastern.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: September 27, Laura, ketch, Thomas Port Stephens; Marcobo, s., from Brisbane; Tekiah, s., from Melbourne; Tamar, s., Newcastle, s., Lubra, s., Koonya, s., Alice, s., Kelton, s., Nineveh, s., Isabella, schooner, from Sydney; Hannah Nicholson, Jessie Brothers, schooners, returned to port through heavy winds. Departures: September 27, Waikare, s., for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1000 tons coal, 15 tons coke, 13,000ft. timber, 1300 sleepers; Moresby, s., for Townsville, New Guinea, with 1150 tons coal, 29 cases butter; Paris, schooner, for Cape Hawke; James Nesmith, barque, for Honolulu, with 2242 tons Greta coal; Wenona, barque, for Auckland, with 625 tons coal, 77 cases gunpowder, 250 kegs blasting powder; Tamar, s., Lubra, s., Alice, s., Kelton, s., Marcobo, s., Newcastle, s., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arrival: September 27, Cuzco, R.M.S., from London. Departure: Penguin, s., for Devonport; Heathcote, s., for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arrival: September 27, Rome, R.M.S., from Melbourne; Willehad, s., from Melbourne; Argyllan s., from Melbourne. Departures: September 27, Gulf of Venice, s., for Melbourne; Rome, R.M.S., for London.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrival: September 27, Time, s., from Newcastle. Departure: September 27, Pondo, s., for United Kingdom, via Sydney.

ALBANY.—Departure: September 27, Kilburn, s., for Durban.

FREMANTLE.—Arrival: September 27, Pilbarra, s., from Adelaide. Departure: September 27, Karlsruhe, s., for Adelaide.

(From the Board at the Telegraph Office.)

TWEED HEADS.—September 27, Cookum, schooner, off bar at 12.40 p.m., anchored in the bay at 6 p.m. Passed: September 27, an A.U.S.N. steamer at 5.10 a.m., north; Burwah, s., at 6.45 a.m., north.

BYRON BAY.—September 27, Friendship anchored in the bay disabled.

RICHMOND HEADS.—September 27, Enterprise off the bar at 3.30 p.m. 12ft. of water off bar, 18ft. inside.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: September 27, City of Grafton, s., at 6 a.m. 14ft. of water in the eastern channel 10ft. in the south channel.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Arrival: September 27, Excelsior, s., at 12.30 p.m., from Coff's Harbour. Departure: September 27, Excelsior at 5 p.m., for Byron Bay.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Arrivals: September 27, Volunteer, tug, at 9.30 a.m.; Alert, tug, at 10 a.m.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departures: September 26, Nambucca, s., at 2 p.m. September 27, Volunteer at 8.30 a.m.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Departure: September 27, Coraki at 4 p.m.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Arrival: September 27, Excelsior, s., at 6 a.m.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: September 27, Ruby, ketch, at 9.30 a.m. Passed: September 27, Oakland, s., at 9.30 a.m., south.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: September 27, Tyrian at 6 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Arrival: September 27, Australia, schooner, at 5.30 a.m. Departure: September 27, Wanderer, ketch, at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: September 27, Nambucca, s., at noon, south; St. George, s., at noon, north; Oakland, s., at 2 p.m., south; Moresby, s., at 2.30 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS.—Departure: September 27, Electra, s., at 11 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrivals: September 27, Kingsley, tug, at 7 a.m.; Venture at 7.30 a.m. In bay: Stanley, schooner, and Amy Mear, ketch. Departure: September 27, Kingsley, s., at 10.15 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: September 27, Kingsley at 1 p.m., Electra at 3 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—September 27, Hilda, schooner, in bay. Passed: September 27, Tomki, s., at 10.50 a.m., south; Kallatina, s., at 11.30 a.m., south; Eliza Allen and Paris, schooners, at 11.30 a.m., north; Electra, s., at 3.45 a.m., south; Marcobo, s., at 10.15 a.m., south; Violet Deepwater, schooner, at 10.15 a.m., north.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arrival: September 27, Illaroo, s., at noon. Departure: September 26, Wallsend, s., for Sydney during the night.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrival: September 27, Alan Gordon at 4.45 p.m. Departure: September 27, Narara at 5 p.m., Hawkesbury at 6.30 p.m.

BELANGLO.—Arrival: September 27, Worla, s., at 6 a.m., Melbourne, s., at 6.30 a.m.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: September 27, Worla, s., at 10.30 a.m., from Bulli; Roselle, schooner, at 2.30 p.m., Kurrara at 4 p.m. Departure: September 27, Illawarra, s., at 12.50 p.m.

PORT KEMBLA.—Departure: September 27, Glaucus, s., at 1 a.m., for Melbourne.

KIAMA.—Arrivals: September 27, Illawarra, s., at 10 a.m., Civility, s., at 11 a.m.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departure: September 27, Illawarra at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: September 27, Glaucus, s., at 9.55 a.m., south; Gabo, s., at 9.55 a.m., north, an Adelaide steamer at noon, south.

TOMAKIN.—Arrival: September 27, Rebecca, from Sydney during the night.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: September 27, Peterborough at 9 a.m.

MORUYA.—Arrival: September 27, Coonanderry, s., at 10.40 a.m. Departure: September 27, Coonanderry, s., at 12.15 p.m. Passed: September 27, Eurby, s., at 11.30 a.m., Glaucus at 3.50 p.m., south; one of the Adelaide Company's steamers at 6 p.m., Narooma at 8 p.m., both north.

BERMAGUI.—Departure: September 27, Bega, s., at 3.50 p.m., for Tathra.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: September 27, Ramazon, s., at 6.30 a.m., Allinga, s., at 6.40 a.m., Narooma, s., at 7.15 a.m., all north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: September 27, Aramac, s., at 2.10 p.m., Kalgoorlie, s., at 3.14 p.m. Passed outward: September 27, Parua, s., at 8.20 a.m.

GEELONG.—Arrival: September 27, Tagliaferro, s., from Newcastle.

HOBART.—Departure: September 26, Oonah, s., at 9.10 p.m., for Sydney.

STRAHAN.—Arrival: September 27, Kawatiri at 7 a.m., from Melbourne.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Arrival: September 27, Kilburn, s., from New Zealand. Departures: September 26, Norfolk, s., at 9.35 p.m., for Capetown; Kilburn, s., at 5.50 p.m., for Durban.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Arrival: September 27, Pilbarra, s., from Adelaide. Departures: September 27, Cheshire, schooner, for Newcastle; G.M.S. Karlsruhe at 10.30 a.m., for Adelaide.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

Sailed: From Wellington, Handa Isle, barquentine, for Melbourne. WELLINGTON, Thursday.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 41 years, 49·60.
Average for 42 years, January 1 to August 31, 38·460.
Rainfall from January 1, 1900, to September 27, 57·741.
Temperature.—Maximum, 70·3; minimum, 45·4.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 54°; 3 p.m., 49°.

TEMPERATURES.

Temperatures generally dropped. Snow fell about Cooma and Michelago; hail at Deniliquin. There was a S.W. gale on the coast, and strong S.W. wind inland. Albury 50-56, Barmedman 7-32, Bathurst 43-54, Binnaway 42-51, Bombala 49-51, Broken Hill 71-89, Bundaroo 39-61, Cooma 41-58, Cootamundra 49-55, Dubbo 71-93, Gormanston 55-70, Goulburn 36-53, Kiandra 41-23, Lismore 50-68, Mount Victoria 52-29, Murrumburrah 66-80, Nimitybelle 52-27, Orange 55-80, Queanbeyan 36-57, Wentworth 65-85.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30·00; Gascoigne 30·28; Perth, 30·29; Esperance Bay, 30·45; Roeburne, 30·46; Streaky Bay, 30·31; Adelaide, 30·44; Robe, 30·34; Portland, 30·24; Melbourne, 30·17; Wilson's Promontory, 30·02; Gabo Island, 29·92; Cape St. George, 29·96; Sydney, 30·07; Newcastle, 30·10; Port Macquarie, 30·06; Clarence Heads, 30·09; Brisbane, 30·08; Rockhampton, 30·08; Mackay, 30·06; Cooktown, 30·05.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine, cool, and squally generally.
New Caledonia. Fine, but cloudy at Noumea.
Western Australia.—Fine and clear generally.
South Australia.—Generally fine and clear; cloudy on parts of the coast.
Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy to showery in the south, fin in the north.
Tasmania.—Dull to raining on the west coast, fine in eastern districts.
Queensland.—Cloudy on the N. coast, elsewhere fine and clear.
Northern Australia.—Fine and clear throughout.
New Zealand.—Showery in the north, dull in central parts, fine in the south.

RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS PER RIDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Albury 9 points, Balranald 7, Barmedman 10, Bathurst 9, Bombala 12, Bowral 3, Cootamundra 12, Cooma 8, Cootabarabran 1, Corowa 9, Deniliquin 10, Eden 3, Euston 4, Gabo Island 67, Germanton 7, Goulburn 8, Hay 5, Kiandra 41, Maradana 5, Molong 4, Moruya 11, Mount Vale 5, Murrumburrah 18, Narrandera 5, Nimitybelle 15, Orange 11, Penrith 7, Rankey 14, Sydney 1, Urana 7, Wagga 9, Wentworth 2, Wyalong 4, Young 16, Avalon 1, Beaconsfield 18, Burrawang, Cobargo, Braidwood, Hill End 3, Jamieson, Michel'go 20, Taralga 22, Tarcutta 14, Tumut 18, Yass 10.

9 A.M. REPORTS.

S.W. fresh on south coast; showery at Gabo Island; ease moderate to rather rough. Fresh S.W. breezes in southern districts.

3 P.M. REPORTS.

Fine generally. Strong westerly at Albury, hogs, Carcoar, Brewarrina. Strong southerly at Forbes and Inverell. Broken Hill, calm; Eden, S.W., squally, sea rough. Jervis Bay, S.E., light, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S.E., strong, sea heavy; Newcastle, S., fresh, sea moderate; South Head, S.W., moderate, sea moderate; Tacking Point, S.E., fresh, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.E., moderate gale, sea rising.

RIVER REPORTS, 9 A.M.

Albury, 10ft. 1in., falling; Balranald, 15ft. 9in., falling; Bingara, low; Bourke, 4ft. 7in., falling; Brewarrina, 2ft. 6in., falling; Condobolin, 12ft., rising; Deniliquin, 12ft. 8in.; Dubbo, 5ft. 9in., falling; Gunnedah, 17ft. 6in.; Gwydir, 9ft. 6in.; Euston, 24ft. 2in.; Goolooga, low; Gundagai, 10ft.; Hay, 16ft.; Hillston, 14ft., rising; Louth, 6ft. 8in., falling; Manilla, low; Menindee, 16ft. 4in.; Moama, 8ft. 6in., rising; Moulamein, 10ft. 3in., rising; Moama, 3ft. 6in.; Mungindi, 12ft. 8in., rising; Peonarie, 17ft. 11in., falling; Tilpa, 8ft. 3in., falling; Tocumwal, 10ft. 3in.; Wagga Wagga, 12ft. 10in.; Wentworth, 17ft. 7in.; Wilcannia, 9ft. 6in.; Yetman, 8ft., falling; Barwon River, at Walgett, 8ft. 6in., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 5ft. 8in., falling; Goondiwindi, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.E., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Byron Bay, S.E., fresh, dull, sea moderate; Tacking Point, S.E., fine, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S., strong, fine, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S.E., moderate, fine, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Macleay Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S., strong, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S., fresh, fine, sea rough; Seal Rocks, S., fresh, fine, sea rough; Port Stephens, S., fresh, fine, sea moderating; Newcastle, S., light, fine, sea slight; Lake Macquarie, S.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, S.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, S.W., light, fine, sea moderate; South Head, S.W., moderate, fine, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, W., light, fine, sea slight; Kiama, W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, W., strong, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, S., moderate, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Green Cape, interrupted; Gabo Island, interrupted.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fresh to strong S. winds, but moderating, in the far west; westerly to E. and N.E.; weather fine and milder over greater part of the colony; showery in eastern Riverina and in the extreme south-east, and possibly north of Port Macquarie with thunder.—H. C. Russell.

Victoria.—Cloudy and cold, with further showers in southern and especially coastal districts; N.E. winds, strong on the east coast, squally in the Straits with rough sea.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Mild fine and rather warm for present, but signs of a change may be looked for in the south-west before long.—W. E. Cooke.

Mr. ANDERSON'S FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Inc to cloudy over the greater portion, with some showers in southern and south-east parts; strong S.W. to S. winds south from Sydney, with rough seas.

Western Australia.—Generally fine to cloudy, save for scattered showers in coastal districts, winds E. to N.E. and N. Sea moderate.

Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Still fine, with areas of cloud under S.E. to E. currents.

South Australia.—Chiefly fine to cloudy, rain of a showery nature in southern half, variable winds. Rough seas in the south-east.

Queensland.—Fine, with intervals of cloud generally. Some rain in Moreton district and near the seaboard with strong S.E. winds under. Winds S.E., E., and N.E., blowing strong at times. Sea moderate.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Again cloudy and unsettled generally. Rain of a showery nature under strong S.W. to S. currents; some electric disturbances. Rough seas.

New Zealand.—Very stormy and wet. Rough seas under Tasman.

New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR SEPTEMBER 28.

Sun rises at 5.37, sets at 5.55; moon, 7.56 a.m., 9.45 p.m.; Mercury, 6.8 a.m., 6.46 p.m.; Venus, 3.29 a.m., 2.37 p.m.; Mars, 7.9 a.m., 12.46 p.m.; Jupiter, 8.44 a.m., 10.49 p.m.; Saturn, 10.15 a.m., 12.37 a.m.

New moon, 24th; full moon, 9th.
High water at Fort Denison, 10.39 a.m., 11 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30* and 7 p.m.
*Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the Express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted in the Special Box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Java and Singapore.—Rucephalus, 10 a.m.
Auckland.—Indradjit, 3 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Monowai, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Melbourne.—R.M.S. Oroya, 10 a.m.
Launceston.—Kincumber, 10 a.m.
Singapore and Batavia.—Somebergh, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waikare, 11 a.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Whakatane, 11 a.m.
Newcastle.—Newcastle, noon.
Brisbane.—Leura, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 2 p.m.
Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides, Santa Cruz, and Banks Islands.—Mambare, 4 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 6 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.
Cocktown, Thursday Island, British New Guinea, and Normanton, via Brisbane.—Burimba, 9.30 p.m.
Thursday Island, Batavia, and Singapore, from Townsville.—Duke of Westminster, 9.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kalgoorlie, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Macleay River.—Burrawong, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Corinna, 5 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Adelaide.—Wilcannia, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 11 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Oroya, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Oroya (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Oroya, 5.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Adelaide.—Gulf of Tarento, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Penguin, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.

+ Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

PARCEL MAIL.

Parcels addressed to the United Kingdom, Egypt, and certain foreign countries via the United Kingdom, will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Orient Company's steamer Oroya up to 9.30 a.m. on SATURDAY, September 29. Parcels addressed to Canada will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per C.P.R. steamer Aorangi, up to 10.30 a.m. on MONDAY, October 8. Parcels addressed to Germany will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per German steamer Karlsruhe, up to 10.30 a.m. on SATURDAY October 20. Parcels addressed to France will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per M. M. steamer Polynesien, up to 9.30 a.m. on TUESDAY, October 2. Parcels addressed to Cape Colony will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Lund's steamer Wilcannia, up to 5 p.m. on MONDAY, October 1. For postage, weight, and size of parcels see "Parcels Guide."

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1900.

The Portuguese officials at Delagoa Bay are urging the Boers to end their resistance, and Mr. Kruger, at Portugal's request, persuaded Commandant Pienaar not to destroy the Komati Bridge.

Twelve guns, most of them damaged, were found at Hectorspruit. The captured railway stock belonging to the Transvaal, mainly in good condition, is spread for eight miles along the Selati railway line.

Before surrendering the Boers sent 57 trucks laden with ammunition to Delagoa Bay.

Mr. Bennet Burleigh, the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent, saw acres of damaged ammunition and stores near the Crocodile River and at Komati Poort. Amongst the guns found at the Crocodile River are two 12-pounders belonging to Q Battery.

Colonel De Lisle, at the head of a strong flying column, has left Pretoria in pursuit of Commandant De Wet. Each man has two horses, and the Cape carts used are provided with double teams.

Sixteen Canadian officers and 319 men of the First Contingent, who undertook to serve for a year, have left Capetown on their way home.

The guard of honour at the banquet to Lord Hopetoun is

IN PARLIAMENT.

Shortly after the Legislative Council met yesterday the House commenced a brisk skirmish over the Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill, which was down for third reading. When the order of the day was called the Vice-President of the Executive Council intimated that he did not intend to move it as a formal motion, but Mr. Brown, on a point of order, contended that the House had no alternative but to proceed to division at once, as that was the stage at which the House was counted out previously. The Deputy-President ruled that the representative of the Government was entitled to take the course he had adopted, and thereupon Mr. Dangar moved that the House dissent from the ruling of the Chair, and it was admitted by the opponents of the measure that they were anxious to compel an immediate division in the hope that the third reading of the bill would be defeated. The House, however, by a large majority, refused to endorse Mr. Dangar's dissent, and the House proceeded to consider the message from the Assembly in relation to the differences over the Sydney Corporation (Amending) Bill. It was recognised, even by those who strenuously opposed conferring the franchise on lodgers, that the Council, having invited fresh proposals from the Assembly, was bound to accept the compromise suggested, and a resolution was adopted that the House did not insist upon its amendment striking out the qualification of lodgers as voters, and so the trouble which at one time loomed large was adjusted. After negativing a motion, or rather a series of resolutions by Mr. Hawken, affirming, in effect, the propriety of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act being submitted to the Australian Parliaments for formal approval, the House agreed to the second reading of the Dentists Bill, and passed the measure through committee with some amendments, mainly in clause 11, relating to the qualifications necessary for registration as dentists. These alterations were made at the instance of Mr. Hughes, in order to bring these particular provisions more into conformity with the English Act. The House, after passing the second reading of the Holt-Sutherland Estate Bill, and passing it through committee, adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

At an early hour yesterday the Assembly entered on the discussion of the Early Closing Amendment Bill. As the result of Wednesday's late sitting the committee stage was reached. The debate that has taken place covered perhaps every essential feature of the bill. Clause by clause was discussed over and over again. Still, when the House commenced its actual work yesterday a start had to be made afresh. As a matter of fact the bill was taken into committee pro forma at the termination of Wednesday's sitting. Therefore, its consideration in detail—the practical treatment of the measure—had to be begun yesterday.

There was, Mr. Perry explained, no attempt in the bill to interfere with the Act as it was at present in force; no principle was to be affected. The amending bill would only deal with matters of detail. A section of the House showed that it was discontented with what was brought forward, something of a more radical nature was desired. Members declared that they had been misled by Ministerial promises to the effect that an amending early closing bill would be introduced. They had naturally come to the conclusion that something would be done to palliate the sufferings of a section of the shopkeeping community deserving better treatment. Mr. Hogue was prominent amongst those who expressed dissatisfaction with the amending bill. The leader of the Opposition seconded him, and a number of other members supported his complaint in regard to the inadequacy of the projected legislation.

The supporters of the bill were equally emphatic in the statement of their opinions. If an ideal measure, they asserted, was, under existing circumstances, beyond the scope of legislation, then the best would have to be made of the job, bad as it might be. Both sides of the House, however, were agreed upon the point that no injury should by done to anyone, and that shop assistants should have reasonable hours of employment. On the one hand, it was contended that the Legislature could pass a bill which would get over the difficulties complained of and still attain the desired object. In other words, it was contended that the bill could be so framed as to secure all the benefits of early closing to the shop assistants, and at the same time not do a wrong to people who employed no assistants in their shops. The members of the last Government who spoke upon the subject voiced this view, and Mr. Reid expressed it emphatically. The supporters of the amending bill approved of the idea; they appreciated the good sentiments expressed by hon. members; but at the same time they thought it impossible to achieve the desired object in the way recommended by Opposition members. Nothing but absolute early closing, they contended—and early closing carried out without any exception in its application—could avail to secure reasonable hours of employment to the great body of shop assistants.

One of the most important amendments in the bill related to the fixing of the half-holiday in the country. Clause 3 provides that the provisions of the principal Act relating, to the metropolitan district shall apply to every country shopping district. And it appears that country towns have great difficulty in deciding which day to select for the half-holiday. Mr. Fitzgerald took an early opportunity of pointing out what he considered the unsatisfactory provisions of the bill in this respect. The shopkeepers now decide whether they will put up the shutters at 1 o'clock on a Wednesday, a Saturday, or any other day. Mr. Fitzgerald thought that the assistants should have a voice in the matter. And he took what another member called the very logical view that the legislation was only intended to benefit them. It was not passed as a favour to the consumers. It was designed to ameliorate the condition of the man or woman who for a weekly wage worked behind the counter. Therefore, those persons for whom the legislation was solely intended should have a voice in naming the day they would prefer to keep as fete.

Mr. Ashton gave an analysis of the amendment submitted by the member for Robertson, and arrived at the conclusion that he could not fully approve of it. He believed there was something in the idea that there should be a uniform half-holiday in the country districts, but to say that only the shop-assistants should determine the matter was going too far, and there was no doubt that they would determine it if Mr. Fitzgerald's view was given effect to. Mr. T. Griffith said that the storekeepers, who best understood the conditions of trade, ought to receive some consideration. Other members argued that there were only two logical positions to take up—either the whole of the residents of a shopping district should decide the matter as an ordinary political question by popular suffrage, or else the commercial people, who had an intimate knowledge of the business requirements of the community, should have the right to decide the half-holiday.

Very slow progress was made in committee. At 10 o'clock at night clause 3 was still under discussion.

THE WEATHER.

STATION REPORTS

Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort and Co. have received the following wires:—

Gungahlein, Gunnedera, 24th instant.—The weather this week has been showery. The prospects are good generally speaking.

Pike's Creek, Stanthorpe (Q.), 20th instant.—Five inches of rain fell last week. The country is looking splendid.

Bluemoon, Boggabri, 23rd instant.—174 points of rain have fallen this month.

Geanmoney, Coonamble, 23rd instant.—21 points of rain.

Bragin, Moree, 24th instant.—The country is looking splendid.

Glenthorie, Moree, 20th instant.—52 points of rain. At the time of advice a thunderstorm is passing over the property.

Collingulli, Coolah, 24th instant.—A most severe hail storm has just been experienced. Last evening a further fall of 24 points was registered.

BOURKE, Thursday.

Last night a heavy wind storm was blowing, and to-day has been slightly windy and cold. There is no prospect of rain, which is badly needed.

COOAKI, Thursday.

The recent rain was very beneficial, and the grass is everywhere growing splendidly. The cane crops up to the present are turning out very satisfactorily.

OBERON, Thursday.

Heavy rain fell last night followed by snow. The lowest temperature was 26 degrees.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

A sudden cold wave yesterday brought rain with snow. The hills around the town were white this morning. The low temperature continues.

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THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

A FIVE DAYS' ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts has granted the Boers an armistice for five days.

It is expected that Commandant Erasmus, who was driven off from Elands River station, and who lost a large number of stock, will surrender.

ENEMY IN THE BUSH VELDT.

LIKELY TO SURRENDER.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

General Schalk Burger, the Acting-President of the Transvaal Boers, General Viljoen, the Commander-in-Chief, and the bulk of the Boers are concentrated in the bush veldt, to the east of Pietersburg, 177 miles north of Pretoria.

This is an unhealthy situation, and it is believed that these Boers are likely to surrender.

COMMANDANT DE WET.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Commandant De Wet is reported to be south-west of Kopjes Station, which is 167 miles north of Bloemfontein. He has 900 men and three guns with him.

DECREASE OF THE WORLD'S GOLD SUPPLY.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The chairman of the Bank of Africa states that owing to the stoppage of the Transvaal gold mines the world's supply of raw gold has diminished by £15,000,000 during the past year.

MRS. KRUGER.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Mrs. Kruger, the wife of President Kruger, is feeble and is unable to leave Pretoria.

CHINA.

HONOURS FOR REACTIONARIES.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

An Imperial edict confers posthumous honours on General Li Ping Heng and Chung-yi, two reactionaries who recently committed suicide.

BANDITS NEAR CANTON.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Bandits are plundering the villages round Canton.

They have destroyed the Roman Catholic Church at Tokamhang and have desecrated the cemetery.

BANQUET TO THE EARL OF HOPETOUN.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Owing to his being engaged in the election campaign, Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, will not be able to preside at the banquet to the Earl of Hopetoun on October 3.

ITALY.

INCREASED NAVY DESIRED.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The Italian Government is asking the Chamber of Deputies for leave to raise £10,000,000 in order to build warships.

COUNT TOLSTOI EXCOMMUNICATED.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The Greek Church has excommunicated Count Tolstoi.

THE FRENCH WHEAT CROP.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The official estimate of the French wheat crop is 38,500,000 quarters.

AMERICAN WHEAT SUPPLY.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is 73,855,000 bushels.

SILVER.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 5 1-16d per ounce standard—a rise of 1-16d since yesterday.

ENGLISH RACING.

GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY HANDICAP.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

At the Newmarket meeting the race for the Great Eastern Railway Handicap resulted as follows:—

Spark II.	1
Waterhen	2
Wild Irishman	3

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

LATE SITTING.

THE EARLY CLOSING BILL.

The Legislative Assembly was sitting when the first edition of the "Herald" went to press, the matter under discussion being the consideration of the Early Closing Amendment Bill in committee.

Clause 12, "Regulation of half-holidays or holidays for carters employed by shopkeepers, butchers, milk vendors or bakers."

Several hon. members urged that the clause should apply to carriers of any sorts of goods, and the Minister promised to recommit the bill for the purpose of considering such an amendment.

Mr. HUGHES intimated that he intended to move a new clause fixing the carters' holiday on the third Wednesday in each month. At present, he said, the holiday was not being properly observed.

Clause 16 provided that the word "close" in the principal Act should mean that every external door of the shop should be closed. This was objected to by Mr. Quinn, who suggested that the first word of the clause "The" be struck out with the view of testing the feeling of the Committee on the clause.

Mr. HUGHES thought it would be sufficient to declare that shops should be closed for the purposes of trade.

After discussion, in which it was stated that it would be prejudicial to the health of the inmates to keep the external doors closed, the Minister for Labour said that he would agree that the word "close" should be defined as being "closed against the admission of the public," and the clause as amended was agreed to.

Clause 16, relating to the proof of closing a shop, was verbally amended.

Clause 17 gave the Minister power to suspend the Act in certain cases.

The MINISTER FOR LABOUR proposed an amendment limiting the application to cases of "fire, flood, or disease." This, he stated, would prevent a Minister doing anything that was wrong in relation to the clause.

Mr. COCK objected to the limitation, and instanced the case of resorts on the mountains where tourists arrived at night and found all the shops closed. Extension might well be granted in these cases.

A division was called for, which resulted in the amendment being agreed to by 25 votes to 17.

The House then proceeded to deal with several new clauses, proposed by different hon. members.

The House rose at 4.45 a.m.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE BRITISH GENERAL ELECTIONS.

SPEECHES BY MINISTERS.

PERMANENT ARMY OF 250,000.

LIBERALS' RECORD OF WEAKNESS AND SURRENDER.

LONDON, Sept 27.

Mr. George Wyndham, Parliamentary Secretary for War, in his speeches to the electors of Dover, is frankly welcoming criticism on the War Office, and he has thus greatly strengthened his position.

His speeches foreshadow that the permanent forces of the army will be raised to 250,000 men, half of whom will be stationed abroad.

The Duke of Devonshire, the Lord President of the Council, in an address stated that the epithet "marauding bands" could be applied to the heterogeneous Radical leaderless elements now going round the country.

Sir Matthew White Ridley, the Home Secretary, in an address to the electors of Blackpool, said that the utterances of many Liberals had conduced both to the encouragement and the prolongation of the war in South Africa.

Theirs (the Liberals') was a record of weakness and surrender.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

AN EMPIRE OF COMMERCE OR AGGRESSION?

SUPPORT OF SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of the Opposition in the late House of Commons, in a letter stated that the real issue before the electors is whether ours is to be an empire of commerce and peace or an empire of militarism and aggression, and whether sham or real legislative reforms are to be undertaken.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, addressing the electors of Stirling district, denounced the silence of the Government on the details of the settlement of South Africa.

The speaker said that this asking for a blank cheque was a "khaki" artifice.

Sir William Harcourt, speaking at Blackwood, declared that he was cordially supporting Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the chosen leader of the Liberal party.

A WARNING FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Mr. Whiteley, the Mayor of Mafeking, forewarns the electors of Bradford that the Boers view every gain of the Liberals as a gain of the Republics.

COLONIES WAITING THE MOTHERLAND'S MESSAGE.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Sir Walter Peace, the Agent-General for Natal, in the course of a letter states that 12,000,000 people in the colonies are awaiting the result of the British electors' votes as being the motherland's direct message to themselves and an indication of her temper on the great question of the consolidation of the Empire.

THE MURDER OF A KENTUCKY SENATOR.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

A man named James Howard has been found guilty of having murdered State Senator William Goebel at Frankfort, Kentucky, and has been sentenced to death.

State Senator William Goebel, a Democrat, was shot on the steps of the Capitol at Frankfort, Kentucky, on January 30 last, the day on which he was declared elected Governor of the State. Notwithstanding that the election was disputed, the Chief Justice of the State swore Mr. Goebel in the following day. Four days after the shooting, however, Mr. Goebel died. On August 19 last a man named Powers, ex-State Secretary of Kentucky, was sentenced to imprisonment for life for having been accessory before the fact.

BANQUET TO THE EARL OF HOPETOUN.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

At the banquet which is to be given to the Earl of Hopetoun, the Governor-General of Australia, on October 3, 100 of the invalided soldiers of Australasia, now in England, will be a guard of honour to the Governor-General.

AMERICAN COAL FOR THE NAVY.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The Admiralty has ordered 5000 tons of American coal for delivery at Bermuda, and 2500 tons for delivery at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The coal is to be used for warships on the North American Station.

SUTHERLAND-CRONULLA TRAMWAY LEAGUE.

SUTHERLAND, Thursday.

A large meeting of the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway League was held on Wednesday evening in the progress association rooms. Mr. R. Croft presided. Mr. C. E. Wiggell was appointed president, Mr. R. Croft vice-president, Mr. A. Kitt treasurer, and Mr. Logie secretary. A lengthy report was read from the Railway Commissioners indicating the returns inwards and outwards at Sutherland station during the past five years. A long letter was received from Mr. F. S. E. Holt, pressing for the equity of kindred associations in the district, and appealing for assistance in obtaining a bridge at Tarema Point. He would in return, he stated, render assistance in obtaining a tram to Cronulla. It was resolved to have large petitions presented to Parliament. In response to appeals for carrying on the agitation donations amounting to £7 were promised. The following gentlemen were appointed an executive committee to work in conjunction with the officers:—Messrs. J. Fraas, C. Dutton, J. Burns, G. A. Kessach, and J. Walters.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHEARING OPERATIONS.

BOURKE, Thursday.

Warrawonna finished shearing yesterday.

BREWARRINA, Thursday.

Shearing is general. The clips are very light.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Shearing began yesterday at Greyson's near Ironbarks. Merryinebone cut out last week. Burrea starts immediately.

MOLONG, Thursday.

Flock ewes were sold by Mr. G. H. Hebden, of Erambie station, off the shears at £1 per head.

WAGGA, Thursday.

Shearing will commence at Doodle Cooma and Mundawaddera on October 1. Round Hill and Kirwadeen will start at the beginning of next week. Shearers are scarce in the Henty district. Ours commenced shearing on September 25, and expects to put through 34,000 sheep.

DON'T TAKE ANYTHING ON CHANCE, but when ordering ARNOTT'S Milk Arrowroot Biscuits see that you get them, and don't accept worthless imitations.—Advt.

THE TRANSVAAL.

BOERS DESTROY THEIR STORES.

BRITISH GUNS RECOVERED.

IMMENSE ROLLING STOCK CAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

The Boers sent 50 trucksloads of ammunition to Delagoa Bay before they surrendered. They also burned much ammunition.

Mr. Bennet Burleigh, the war correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," saw near the Crocodile River acres of damaged gun ammunition, damaged limbers, waggons, detonators, and stores.

Mr. Burleigh also saw at Komati Poort hundreds of tons of damaged ammunition, large numbers of broken rifles and tents, and large quantities of damaged provisions and baggage.

Twelve guns, the majority damaged, were found at Hectorspruit. The whole of the railway rolling stock of the late Transvaal republic is spread for eight miles along the Selati railway line.

This rolling stock has been captured and is all in good condition except some burnt waggons and carriages.

Sept. 27.

Among the guns found at Crocodile Poort were two 12-pounders belonging to Q Battery of Royal Horse Artillery lost at Koorn Spruit where a force under Brigadier-General Broadwood was ambushed.

BOERS URGED TO YIELD.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

The Portuguese officials at Delagoa Bay have sent emissaries to the Boers urging them to terminate their resistance to the British forces.

THE KOMATI BRIDGE.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

Mr. Kruger, yielding to the request of the Portuguese, persuaded Commandant Pienaar not to destroy the Komati railway bridge.

BOER OFFICIALS AND BAR GOLD.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Boer officials with bar gold sailed in the German East Africa steamer Herzog, which left Delagoa Bay yesterday.

THE PURSUIT OF DE WET.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

A strong flying column, under Lieutenant-Colonel De Lisle, D.S.O., has left Pretoria in pursuit of Commandant De Wet.

In order to travel speedily each man has two horses, and double teams have been provided for the transport by Cape carts.

THE CAPE TREASON BILL.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The High Treason Bill is now before the Cape Colony Legislative Council.

Mr. William Ross, the member for Griqualand West, has intimated that in committee he will move that rebels shall be disfranchised for 15 years, instead of five years as now proposed in the bill.

LORD ROBERTS'S RETURN.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts announces that the City of London Imperial Volunteers will be in London by November 5.

He fears that he himself will not return so soon.

CANADIANS GO HOME.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Sixteen Canadian officers and 319 men have left Capetown on their homeward journey.

NEW SOUTH WALES CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The names of the following members of the New South Wales forces appear in the casualty list:—

Slightly wounded at Wonderfontein: Corporal F. Rose, F Company, Imperial Bushmen's Contingent.

Severely wounded at Wonderfontein: Private F. J. Edmunds, A Company, Imperial Bushmen's Contingent.

Severely wounded at Naauwpoort, in the Malmani district: Private A. H. Toss, F Company, Imperial Bushmen's Contingent.

Slightly wounded at Naauwpoort, in the Malmani district: Private E. Dainley; Private A. J. Johnson, F Company, Imperial Bushmen's Contingent; Private T. Carey.

CASUALTIES TO BUSHMEN.

The Premier is in receipt of the following telegrams from Capetown:—

September 24.—Corporal Moody is employed in the Springfontein Military Mounted Police, and is in good health. Referring to your telegram of September 17, O'Donnell, of the Imperial Yeomanry Scouts, is discharged.

September 25.—Bushmen, New South Wales Contingent.—Casualties: Captain Pyre (? Byrne) and No. 36 Edmund, severely wounded; and No. 1126 Corporal Rose slightly wounded at Wonderfontein on September 11; No. 1303 Trooper Dainley (not No. 1365, Carey, No. 1078 Johnson, and No. 132 Dainley (? Darnley), slightly wounded at Naauwpoort on September 9; No. 275 O'Brien is in good health.

September 26.—Leonard Osborne is progressing slowly but favourably.

THE GRIFFIN MEMORIAL TABLET.

The memorial tablet, subscribed for by the comrades and friends of Sergeant George Griffin, of the 1st Australian Horse, who was the first Australian killed in action in South Africa, has now been placed in position at the northern end of the vestibule of the Town Hall. The tablet, which is of white marble, bears the following inscription:—"In memory of Troop Sergeant-major George Griffin, 1st Australian Horse, and for many years C.P.O. N.S.W. N.A.V." He was the first of the New South Wales contingent to fall for the Empire in South Africa; killed in action at Slingersfontein, January 16, 1900. Aged 34. For Queen and country." The tablet has a groundwork of St. Anne, and black marble, and presents a very striking appearance. The work was carried out by Mr. James White. It will be formally handed over to the Mayor in the course of a few days. The late Lieutenant White, who was recently killed during an engagement in South Africa was one of the chief movers in the erection of the tablet, and occupied the position of hon. treasurer. At the last meeting of the committee it was decided to send a letter of condolence to deceased's relatives.

FARMERS' PROSPECTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MESSAGE FROM SIR A. MILNER.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Speaking at the Agricultural Show at Strathalbyn to-day his Excellency Lord Tennyson, said, having been asked to find out something about the prospects of farmers in South Africa, he had ascertained two facts; first, that farmers should not go at present, or they would be ruined; and secondly, that they should not go to Rhodesia, but to the Orange River Colony. He had just received a letter from Sir Alfred Milner on the question as follows:—"I am very glad to hear that you have some South Australian farmers who would like to try their fortunes this country. I am very keen myself about the increase of the British element among the farming populations. The future seems to me very largely to depend upon it. I think the Home Government is prepared to take the matter up in a serious way. A commission has been appointed, and will begin to sit in about a month from now. I am at present busy collecting what information I can as to the available land and possibility of settlement. If you could send me names of any men with as many particulars as can be obtained of their experience, the kind of farming they are contemplating, and whether they possess any capital, it would be useful. We should know what to provide for. The terms on which the land is obtainable can only be made known when the commission has reported. It would also be well to know if intending settlers are married or single. My own view is that from a political point of view a young married settler is preferable. Many thanks for your kind words about myself. I have had a fearful struggle and have suffered much, but I hardly like to think of any minor personal trouble side by side with the immense sacrifice of the nation and the deep sorrow which has fallen upon many homes. One feels that nothing one can do can ever be enough in trying to ensure that all these sacrifices shall not be wasted. I believe, with God's blessing, that will come to pass."

QUEENSLAND.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

MACKAY, Thursday.

The sugar crushing this season promises to give better results than last year. The shipments of sugar this quarter exceeded those of the corresponding quarter of the previous year. For the quarter ended September 30, 1899, the amount of sugar shipped was 7,984 tons, and the sugar shipped to date this quarter totals 7855 tons, to which is to be added fully 1000 tons which will be shipped before Sunday. For the year ended December 31, 1899, Mackay exported sugar totalling 16,356 tons. It is estimated that this year the output will exceed 20,000 tons. Crushing will probably terminate early in December. Prospects in the field for the next crop are most encouraging unless a long spell of dry weather is experienced. The area planted this year cannot be approximately calculated, but will probably be found to exceed last season's plantings by upwards of 25 per cent.

THE CHILLAGOE FIELD.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Among the passengers from the north by the steamer Bereoo, which arrived yesterday, were Mr. A. Stewart, general manager of the Chillagoe Railway and Mines, Mr. G. L. Hewett, the Melbourne secretary of the company, and Mr. Higgins, metallurgist, all en route to Melbourne. In the course of an interview Mr. Stewart said that things were going on very well at Chillagoe. Sixty-four miles of rails had now been laid from Mareeba, and he hoped to see the remaining 39 miles completed early next year. At the mines the construction of the smelters under Mr. Higgins' supervision was proceeding apace. They hoped to have them finished at about the same time as the railway. Mr. Higgins, speaking of the railway, said that apart from the mines the fact that the line runs through settled country augurs well for the success of the venture. He anticipates that the wharf at Cairns will be a great source of revenue. Altogether he has high hopes of the district, and from his 10 years' knowledge of Broken Hill, and his familiarity with the Mount Lyell district, he asserts that the possibilities of Chillagoe as a mining centre are far and away ahead of either of those places.

The Eight-hours Anniversary Union has appointed Mr. J. Izatt, secretary, to act as Queensland delegate to the Newcastle Eight-hours Anniversary Demonstration, to be held on October 18 next.

The Governor, in replying to the Mayor's welcome on arrival at Townsville last night on the commencement of his northern tour, referred to the trouble in South Africa, and the noble part played by Queensland as regards individual and national self-sacrifice financially and otherwise to uphold the greatest Empire of the world. Touching on Chinese matters, Lord Lamington said the great problem of the future yet to be solved was who should be the paramount Power in the East. The solution was of intense interest to Queensland. Speaking of federation, he said he did not ever hope to reach the exalted position of Governor-General, and advised Queensland as the greatest colony of the group to be careful not to efface her individuality or allow other colonies to do so. There was patriotism towards Queensland and patriotism towards the Commonwealth, and no efforts on the part of other colonies should be allowed to obliterate the former.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A DETERMINED SUICIDE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

At the inquest on the body of David Wall to-day the evidence showed that deceased went to the proprietress of a boarding-house, snatched a carving knife out of her hand, and drew it across his throat several times. Wall left will her about £140, telling her to take charge of it till he asked for it. A verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane was returned.

The directors of the Bank of Adelaide have declared an interim dividend of 8 per cent. per annum for the half-year.

The Nance O'Neil Company concluded a successful season at Adelaide yesterday with a fine performance of "Hedda Gabbler." There was a crowded audience, and Miss O'Neil was called before the curtain seven times. The house would not be satisfied till she made a farewell speech, an event which was almost unprecedented here.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Rome reached Largs Bay on the homeward route after 5 o'clock this morning, and was received by the boarding officials. The vessel is booked to sail at 2 o'clock.

The German mail steamer Wilhelmina, en route for Bremen, dropped anchor in Largs at 10.30 a.m., and will leave on Saturday afternoon.

Lady Susan Gilmour, sister of his Excellency Earl Beauchamp, Governor of New South Wales, arrived by the Melbourne express this morning, en route to England. Lady Susan Gilmour was met at the station by the Governor's private secretary, Dr. Pennefather.

The body of the man-of-waryman Hickman has not yet been recovered. Some members of the crew of the Royal Arthur have been searching along the beach during the day.

ALLEGED INSANITARY PREMISES.

THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE DARLING HARBOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

CORRESPONDENCE BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor (Sir Matthew Harris), when seen by a "Herald" reporter yesterday, stated that the correspondence published in yesterday's "Herald" upon the question of alleged insanitary premises did not convey a true impression of the exact state of affairs, because, curiously enough, certain portions had been eliminated. For instance, in the first letter of July 11, accompanied by a strong report by the inspector of nuisances, as to the damage done by the Government cleansing staff, the following paragraph appears:—"It is curious that wanton destruction of citizens's properties should still go on, despite the long list that I forwarded you at your own request some time back." However, the letter finally sent from the Town Hall sufficiently explains the position, and the Mayor has handed us a copy, as under:—

COPY.

"Town Clerk's Office,

"Sydney, September 26, 1900.

"The Secretary, Darling Harbour R.A. Board.

"Sir,—I am directed by the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman Sir Matthew Harris, M.P., to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, received to-day, which obscures the facts (possibly not intentionally), and to remind you that—1. He caused the first letter to be written after personal inspection of the properties in protest against the unnecessary destruction of citizens' property and the indecency of depriving the tenants of all sanitary conveniences. 2. The letter was addressed your board as successors to the Government Cleansing Department, who had caused the damage complained of, and it was never suggested the premises were within the resumed area. 3. During the interval between our letter of July 11 and yours of August 14, the council had taken action which resulted in the houses being demolished a fact which your inspections had not disclosed so far as your correspondence shows. Hence our inquiry of the 18th instant as to the whereabouts of the houses you refer to as having been "properly cleansed, and it is for your council to exercise the powers with which it is invested and force the owners to make proper sanitary arrangements." 4. Ample opportunity was afforded you to discover your error in subsequent correspondence, which you did not trouble to avail yourself of.

"Sir Mattew desires me, in conclusion, to say that the matter referred to was a legacy to the board from its predecessors, and needs no further reference; but he would earnestly urge the board to cooperate with the council in its endeavours to rectify matters at present needing so much attention, and the question of 'original sin' might be subordinated to present and pressing necessities. He notes with satisfaction that the board saw its way to comply with the council's demand to demolish unsafe buildings in Downshire-street, no matter from what source the decision arose.

"I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

"(Signed) RODT. M. M'C. ANDERSON,

"Town Clerk."

MOORE'S-ROAD.

With reference to Moore's-road, the Mayor said that the summonses had been served against all persons interested, as notices from the council to remove the rubbish had not been complied with, and he therefore did not wish to go into the merits of the matter, as he preferred that to be done in court before the magistrates. But as to the Premier's excuse that it had been there for some years, even granting the truth of this, surely the cleansing board and their successors, the advisory board, were not going to allow the accumulation to remain and go on to perpetuity. It seemed to the Mayor to be an extraordinary plea to put forward in justification.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Postmaster-General has given notice of the introduction of the Pacific Cable Bill, committing New Zealand to one-ninth the cost of the Pacific cable construction.

Polly, put the kettle on, and we'll all have Harris and Co.'s delicious Tea, at is 6d per lb. Genuine Mocha Coffee, fresh roasted daily. Harris and Co., Tea and Coffee Merchants, The Broad.—Advt.

CHINA.

THE ANNEXATION IN MANCHURIA.

A GRAVE SITUATION.

RUSSIA'S BRIBE TO GERMANY.

UNITED STATES' ISOLATION.

ANGLO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

All the members of the Russian military staff stationed at Tientsin have gone with a considerable number of troops to Port Arthur.

This step is attributed to the gravity of the situation in Manchuria.

The annexation of Manchurian territory by Russia led to an interchange of views between the Cabinets of the Powers.

The Russian Government has offered the German Government to hand over to Germany the control of the Tientsin to Peking railway.

PROBABLE ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Before replying to the proposal of the Emperor William that China shall surrender the instigators of outrages before negotiations are entered into, Lord Salisbury awaits the receipt of information from Sir Claude Macdonald.

There are indications that negotiations tending to an agreement on important questions beyond the punishment of the Chinese ringleaders are proceeding between Great Britain and Germany.

Dr. Mumm, the German Minister to China, with the German Squadron, has gone northwards.

ISOLATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The isolation of the United States Government in not allowing its troops to co-operate in movements directed by Field-Marshal Count von Waldersee, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allies in China, is due to that Government being fearful of a rupture with the Allies and with China.

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN PEKING.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

Notwithstanding the decree by Russia ordering the withdrawal of its Legation and its troops from Peking to Tientsin, 2500 Cossacks will winter at Peking.

This action is taken on account of the evasive and negative replies of the Powers to the recent proposal by Russia that the Allies should withdraw from the capital.

PRINCE TUAN SUPREME MINISTER.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The position now held by Prince Tuan, the presidency of the Grand Council, is equivalent to the position of Premier in Great Britain.

LI HUNG CHANG.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Li Hung Chang, last reported as being at Taku, has declined the offer of an escort of United States troops to Peking.

Later.

Li Hung Chang has arrived at Peking. He was escorted thither by Russian and Japanese troops.

FAMINE IN NORTH CHINA.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

A famine is feared in Northern China, owing to the non-shipment of rice supplies.

THE POSITION AT CANTON.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

Native Christians are flocking to Canton, and the gravity of the situation is increasing.

Twenty thousand members of the Triad Society are in the vicinity of Canton.

THE GUNBOAT PROTECTOR.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A cablegram has been received from Captain Cresswell stating that the gunboat Protector was under orders to leave Shanghai yesterday for Taku.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS AT NEWCASTLE.

CONCESSIONS TO TURF PATRONS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Railway Commissioners paid their periodical official visit to Newcastle to-day for the purpose of receiving deputations and inspecting the various works now in course of progress in connection with the Northern railway system. The party consisted of Mr. Fehon (Deputy Chief Commissioner), Mr. Kirkcaldie (Commissioner), Mr. Harper (chief traffic manager), Mr. H. Richardson (superintendent of the line), Mr. J. Kneeshaw (superintendent of tramways), Mr. J. Corns (goods manager), and Mr. J. Fraser (assistant engineer-in-chief). Deputations from local public bodies were received between 9 and 10 a.m., but two or three appointments were not kept.

The Wallsend Municipal Council through the Mayor (Alderman Drummond) requested that a special train should be despatched from Newcastle to Wallsend at 11 p.m. on pay Saturday nights. The Commissioners, in reply, said that arrangements had been made for running a night train at 11 p.m. to Wallsend, and they felt sure that this would meet the requirements of the suburb equally as well as a train. A special train would be placed on the Wallsend line leaving Newcastle at 10.30.

A deputation representing the Newcastle Jockey Club, consisting of Messrs. Clarence H. Hannell (president), E. A. M. Merewether, R. A. Wallace, J. O'Mara, and J. Grisdale (secretary), interviewed the Commissioners on the subject of reduced fares for passengers and racehorses from Sydney on race days. The president pointed out that the Railway Department at present issued cheap excursion tickets on Saturdays at 8s 6d second-class and 12s first-class for the return journey between Sydney and Newcastle. The club further asked that some reduction should be made in the charges imposed for the conveyance of racehorses from Sydney to Newcastle.

The Commissioners, in reply, said that it would be inadvisable to issue cheap excursion tickets on Wednesdays, as ordinary travellers and fathers not attending the race meetings would avail themselves of such a concession. The Commissioners, however, were prepared to meet the Newcastle Jockey Club by issuing combination tickets at the Redfern station entitling holders to admission to the racecourse as well as covering the return journey. If this proposal was acceptable to the Jockey Club the actual fares would be reduced to 8s 6d second-class and 12s first-class, as desired. The arrangement would also be extended to Newcastle Tattersall's Club. With respect to the charges for the conveyance of racehorses from Sydney to Newcastle the Commissioners were of opinion that the existing rates were sufficiently liberal and they could not promise any reduction.

The deputation expressed satisfaction at the concessions granted, and undertook to arrange all details in connection with the issue of combination railway and race tickets.

The Commissioners visited the dyke at Carrington during the course of the morning, and inspected the hydraulic cranes, the new Carrington Bridge, and the recently constructed wharfs in Hexham. They returned to Sydney by special train at 2.10 this afternoon.

FUGITIVE BLACKS.

WINGHAM, Thursday.

The blacks were seen last evening at Kanthi at the head of the Barnard River, going north-west towards Tomalla Tops.

BREWARRINA, Thursday.

Dissatisfaction is expressed at the removal of the Wollar blacks to here. Country residents are terrified.

CIRCUIT COURTS.

ALBURY, Thursday.

At the Circuit Court John O'Donnell, who was convicted of sheep stealing at Mulwala station, was sentenced to 22 months hard labour. This concluded the business of the court.

COUNTRY NEWS.

CLIFTON COLLIERIES.

CLIFTON, Thursday.

A smart piece of coal shipping was witnessed at the Coal Cliff Colliery's wharf last evening, when the S.S. Hurga received the first 90 tons of her shipment at the rate of 11 tons per minute and the balance of her cargo at the rate of over six tons per minute, or an average rate of actual tipping time of 71 tons per minute. This is claimed to be one of the fastest coal-shipping depots in New South Wales.

Both Clifton and South Clifton collieries have worked full time for the past two months and trade still continues brisk. The coke trade is also very active. Twenty ovens are working full time at South Clifton and an additional eight ovens are being erected.

A new siding is to be put in at Otford on the property of Mr. Baywell, with a view to boring for coal.

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NEWCASTLE.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF A WOMAN.

THE INQUEST OPENED.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The inquest on the body of Annie Dummer, a married woman, 29 years of age, lately residing at Tyrell-street, city, who died in Newcastle Hospital from the effects of injuries to the head on Tuesday afternoon last, was opened before the City Coroner and a jury of 12 at the Newcastle Police-station this morning. The husband of the deceased was present in court, in custody of the police authorities. Sub-inspector Hinds conducted the case for the police, and Mr. T. B. O'Sullivan appeared for William Dummer. The inquiry opened at 10 o'clock, and after the jurymen had been sworn in an adjournment was made to the hospital mortgue, where the body was viewed and identified.

Harriet-Jane Roach, of Hilgrove, was the first witness called, and she identified the body which had been viewed as that of her daughter, Annie Dummer. The deceased was married in 1892 at Uralla to William Dummer, and was 29 years of age at the time of her death.

Sarah Davies, a widow residing in King-street, Newcastle, deposed that she was acquainted with the deceased, and last saw her alive on the evening of Monday last. Deceased was then extremely weak and low spirited, and her mind appeared to be slightly deranged. Her head was bandaged as though for a wound, but she made no statement of any kind to witness. Deceased was shortly afterwards conveyed to the Newcastle Hospital, where she was admitted for treatment.

Dr. N. J. Dunlop stated that he was summoned to the hospital to examine the deceased on Tuesday afternoon last, and found her in a critical condition. She was suffering from a wound on the left side of the head, just above the ear. Witness deemed a consultation necessary, and Dr. J. H. Beaston arrived soon afterwards. No hopes were at that time entertained for her recovery, and death took place shortly afterwards. Witness subsequently conducted a post-mortem examination of the body, and discovered that the wound on the side of the head extended in a downward and forward direction. The skull had been fractured, and had penetrated to the brain. There was a wound on the brain corresponding with the external wound, and an abscess of the size of a hen's egg had formed in the left cerebral hemisphere. Witness was of opinion as a result of the post-mortem examination that death was due to an injury to the brain, which had been caused by external violence. The injury could have been caused by the hooked stove scraper produced.

By Sub-Inspector Hinds: When witness was first called to see deceased she was in an unconscious condition. The point of the stove scraper produced might have penetrated the skull to a depth of 1in. or 1½in. Witness was of opinion that had deceased received medical attention shortly after the injuries were inflicted she would have recovered.

By Mr. O'Sullivan: The wound could have been caused by a fall on a sharp and hard instrument with a projection similar to the rectangular position of the stove scraper produced. The fact that a person attended to the ordinary daily duties of life whilst suffering from injuries such as those received by the deceased might lead one to believe that the injuries were not of a serious character.

Dr Brada, superintendent of the Newcastle Hospital, deposed that he attended to deceased upon her admission to the hospital on Monday night last. The woman said that she had received an injury to her head about a fortnight previously, but she made no reply to a query by witness as to the cause of the injuries. He found on examination an incised wound, about an inch in length, on the side of the head, and with a slight swelling. A quantity of pus was discharged. Witness did not regard the condition of the patient at that time as critical. He ordered that the wound should be dressed and the patient put to bed. On the following morning she appeared to be progressing favourably, and was not in any immediate danger. He did not again see the patient alive.

By the Coroner: Witness was of opinion upon admitting the patient that the wound was a surface one, and required dressing and cleansing. Witness also recognised that there was a possibility of other injuries of an internal nature.

James Coleman, salesman, who boarded at the establishment of which deceased was proprietress at Tyrell-street, deposed that on the evening of the 14th instant he saw deceased with her head bandaged. He questioned her as to what had occurred, but she did not reply. On the following day, however, she made a statement to him. The woman gradually became worse, and on Monday night last witness interviewed Sub-inspector Hinds, who advised the immediate removal of the deceased to the hospital. That advice was acted upon. The deceased, he believes, had been on friendly terms with her husband, William Dummer. On Monday night last and to William Dummer, referring to the woman's injuries, "What did you do it for? You ought to be ashamed of yourself." To this William Dummer made no reply, but hung down his head. Another boarder named Brown made a remark of a similar nature, and William Dummer replied that he was sorry. Dummer at the time of this conversation appeared to be muddled from the effects of drink. Dummer had been out of employment for the past four months, prior to which he was engaged as a salesman in a retail boot warehouse in the city.

By Mr. O'Sullivan: The deceased had attended to her domestic duties up to the time of her removal to the hospital. For three days previous to her removal to the hospital she was in a fit state to work.

By Sub-inspector Hinds: On Saturday morning last deceased made a complaint to him, pointed to a wound on her head, and showed him something.

John Brown, who also boarded at the deceased's establishment, stated that he saw Mrs. Dummer on the evening of the 14th instant with her head dressed, and she made a complaint to him. She daily became worse, but refused to go to the hospital, although witness strongly advised her to seek medical aid. On Monday evening last, the 24th instant, she was taken to the hospital by the police. Witness on the same evening said to Wm. Dummer in the dining-room of the house, "A man having the intelligence which you have ought to be ashamed of doing anything. You have injured your wife, and do not know where it is going to end." Dummer replied that he was very sorry for what he had done.

Dr. J. L. Beeston, who in company with Dr. Dunlop examined the woman just prior to her death on Tuesday last, and who subsequently assisted in the post-mortem examination, corroborated Dr. Dunlop's testimony.

Further evidence having been given, the inquiry was adjourned till to-morrow morning.

MASONIC INSTALLATION.

The ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master and investing officers of the Maitland Lodge (No. 24) United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was performed at the council-chambers at Stockton this evening. There was a large gathering of members, and over 100 visiting brethren were present, representing the whole of the outer lodges of the district, as well as the seafaring fraternity. The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was represented by Very Worshipful Bro. T. M. Stapleton, D.G.T.W.

The installing master (Wor. Bro. Walter M'Laren) installed Bro. Gillot Ardron as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year with the usual solemn ceremony, and subsequently the Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows:—I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Walter M'Laren; S.W., Bro. A. E. Way; J.W., Bro. S. C. M. Last; D. of C., Wor. Bro. C. Bruce; treasurer, Bro. G. W. Lee; secretary, Bro. C. E. Friend; S.D., Bro. M. Mounter; J.D., Bro. T. Riddell; I.G., Bro. E. E. Young; tyler, Bro. H. Kerr.

The occasion was subsequently celebrated by a social at the Stockton Temperance Hall.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The steamer Tsinan arrived from Melbourne to-day to load a cargo of coal from the Seaham colliery for Manila; and the barque James Nesmith arrived from Newcastle with 2242 tons of Greta coal. The ship Dilton cleared at the Customs-house to-day for San Francisco with 1150 tons of Pacific Co-operative coal; the barque Dalblair cleared for Iquique with 2606 tons of Wallsend coal; and the barque Indian Empire cleared for Valparaiso with 2760 tons of Wallsend coal.

In the intercolonial trade the steamer Waikare sailed to-day for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1000 tons of coal and 15 tons of coke; the steamer Moresby sailed for Townsville and New Guinea with 1150 tons of coal; and the barque Wenona sailed for Auckland with 628 tons of coal. The steamer Koonya cleared at the Customs for Davenport, via Kembla, with 680 tons, and the steamer Kadina cleared for Fremantle with 4200 tons of coal.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The steamer Maresha, which arrived here to-day from Brisbane, brings a cargo of 100 tons of sugar. After discharging she will replenish her bunkers and proceed to Sydney.

The Bishop of New Guinea joined the steamer Moresby, which sailed for New Guinea, via Townsville, this morning.

The steamer Monarch arrived in port to-day from Sydney to load a cargo of wool, frozen meat, and copper for London.

The barkwood timber exports to-day to New Zealand consisted of 13,050ft., in addition to 1300 sleepers.

A consignment of 350 kegs of blasting powder and 77 cases of gunpowder was despatched to Auckland, New Zealand, by the barque Wenona to-day.

Twenty-nine cases of local creamery butter were sent to New Guinea by the steamer Moresby to-day.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.

A meeting of the local committee of the above fund was held at the Wesleyan School-hall, Newtown, on Wednesday afternoon, to consider the scheme for celebrating the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth and the advent of the twentieth century, which is to be submitted to a general meeting at the Town Hall, Sydney, on Tuesday afternoon next. Mr. W. W. Dorman, organiser of the fund attended and explained the proposals, and it was decided to accord the movement the fullest support for the purpose intended, viz., the liquidation of the debts of the metropolitan hospitals.

NESTLE'S FOOD.
Complete in itself. No milk required.—Advt.
For Luncheon, Afternoon Tea, or Dinner try "The Manhattan," Equitable-buildings, George-st.—Advt.
Lovers of fishing will find an interesting illustrated article "Rock Climbing and Fishing between Bondi and South Head" in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

The Deputy-President took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

FISHERIES BILL.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, it was resolved to send a message to the Assembly requesting that Chamber to proceed with the Fisheries Bill, the progress of which was arrested by the prorogation.

LINDFIELD-ST. LEONARDS RAILWAY CROSSINGS BILL.

This bill was read the third time, and returned to the Assembly without amendment.

COBAR TO WILCANNIA RAILWAY BILL. DECISION OF THE DEPUTY-PRESIDENT QUESTIONED.

Upon the order of the day being called for the third reading of the Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill,

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he did not intend to proceed with the order of the day as a formal motion.

Mr. BROWN said he would take the Deputy-President's ruling as to whether the hon. gentleman was in order in offering any objection whatever to the order of the day being proceeded with. The position was this: That on a previous occasion the third reading of the bill had been moved, and the House was in division. It was counted out, and he maintained that the House had now no alternative on the motion being called but to go to a division. (Hear, hear.) The hundredth standing order said: "If a debate in the House on any motion or order of the day be interrupted by the Council being counted out, such debate may, on motion upon notice, be resumed on a subsequent day at the point where it was interrupted." He therefore asked for a ruling whether the order of the day having been called the House ought not to proceed to the question without debate.

The DEPUTY-PRESIDENT said that the hon. member had overlooked the 97th standing order as to the pleasing of business, which said: "Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the day the President shall call over the several notices of motion and orders of the day for the third reading of bills, and the members in charge thereof may, upon the same being so called, and if no objection be made, proceed therewith as formal business, so as to preclude all amendment or debate of any question proposed in reference thereto." That seemed to imply that this was a matter which any hon. member of the House might object to being taken as formal business, and the Hon. Vice-President of the Executive Council was therefore in order.

Mr. DANGAR said that he would not take the course he was about to take under ordinary circumstances, but he entertained a very strong opinion as to the propriety of the proceeding. He took the extreme step of moving that the House disagree with the ruling of the Chair, because he did not think it was justified by the standing order the Deputy-President had quoted, and because, in the peculiar position in which the matter rested, it could not, under the circumstances, be considered formal business at all. The House being in division on the third reading when the House was counted out, he did not see how it could now be taken as a formal motion, and he did not think anybody could produce any authority, ruling, or decision justifying the present ruling. Under the circumstances, he did not think he was going too far in asking the House to dissent from the ruling and compel the Vice-President of the Executive Council to proceed with the order of the day.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that he thought the Deputy-President was correct in his ruling. The bill was down in the ordinary way for the third reading.

Mr. DANGAR: Which it ought not to have been. It is entirely wrong.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that at any rate he moved in the ordinary way that the bill be restored to the paper and stand an order of the day for a certain day. The hon. gentleman had moved that the House dissent from the ruling of the Deputy-President, but he said that his object in casting this affront on the Deputy-President was to enable the House to determine the matter at once.

The DEPUTY-PRESIDENT said he would like to remind the hon. gentleman that the motion to dissent from his ruling could not be taken as an affront. Over and over again the rulings of Presidents had been challenged in this way, and he did not take the motion as in any way an affront.

Mr. DANGAR: I disclaim any such intention.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he was sorry he used such an expression and apologised for having used it.

Mr. DANGAR: The hon. member is hard up for reasons.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he had been in Parliament for 25 years and this was the first time he had to apologise for having used certain words. He thought the course taken by the hon. member was an improper one. The order of the day ought to be dealt with on its merits, and the hon. member should not attempt to get a vote of the House indirectly.

Mr. DANGAR: I do not attempt to get it indirectly.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The hon. member should ask for a ruling on the decision on its merits.

Mr DANGAR: I do.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he could not understand why the hon. member showed such an amount of temper with regard to the objection to the order of the day being taken as a formal motion. There was no reason why he (Mr. Sutor) should miss the opportunity of the day, as it was not the day for Government business, and it was arranged the previous night that only the motion in regard to the Corporation (Amending) Bill should precede private business.

Mr. SLATTERY said he thought the ruling of the Deputy-President was correct, and it was quite within the power of any hon. member in charge of a bill to say that he did not intend to take the third reading as a formal motion.

Mr. WANT said that when he conducted the business of a previous Government exactly the same thing happened. He had occurred to him that the Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill. Hon members walked out and left him pretty well alone. There was no quorum, and then, when the matter was placed on the list again for the third reading, he was only too pleased to get it without objection; but, so far as this unfortunate Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill was concerned, the objection came from the Government for some extraordinary reason. There was no doubt that throughout the whole campaign there had been a series of tactics on both sides. The other night the Vice-President of the Executive Council admitted that he wished for a postponement in order to get some of his men up, and the other side wanted the bill brought on now because they thought they had their men there. It was only a case of diamond cut diamond. He contended that the proper course was for the House to go into division immediately the order of the day was called on. There was a precedent in the records of the House. It was at the time when he was himself in the position now occupied by the Vice-President of the Executive Council. The Crown Lands Homestead Selection and Settlement Leases Bill was under consideration in committee. The committee was in division, when it was found that there was no quorum present, and the bill consequently lapsed. On a subsequent day it was restored to the business paper and when it was called on there was no formal motion concerning it, the bill rang, and the committee proceeded to division again. He therefore contended that the House ought to go direct to a division on this bill.

Mr. HUGHES said he disagreed with the position taken up by the Deputy-President, because there was no doubt that at the time the House was counted out the debate had finished. The question was put from the Chair, and the House was in division. Now they had to consider whether or not the hon. member in charge of Government business could object to the bill being taken as a formal motion. He considered that the ruling of the Deputy-President was right, and if the matter were pushed to a division he would vote in favour of the ruling.

Mr. PILCHER said that it was the duty of whoever had to rule to look at the documents bearing on the point as a whole, and it appeared to him that the error into which the Deputy-President fell was that he read standing order 57, forgetting all about standing order 100, whereas they should have been read together. It appeared to him that if there were a third reading motion on the business paper, and it was called on, no one taking objection to it passing as a formal motion, then the member in charge of the bill could proceed with it at once. That was the procedure appointed under rule 57, but that rule had no application to the present case. It only applied to a bill which came up for its third reading in the ordinary course, and not where a third reading had been moved and debated. Rule 100 provided that in cases where the House was counted out during the debate on a bill, that debate might on motion on notice be resumed on a subsequent day at the point where it was interrupted.

Dr. CULLEN said he could not see his way to vote for the motion, although he was heartily in sympathy with the hon. member who proposed it.

Dr. CREED said that there was a precedent in a case similar to this one. On November 10, 1897, the Vegetation Diseases Bill was counted out during the division on the second reading. On a subsequent day a motion was submitted, and the bill was restored to the business paper, but the entry concerning it was "Vegetation Diseases Bill, second reading, House in division." He submitted that the way in which that notice appeared was the proper one, and that the officers of the House had been guilty of an oversight in this case. Therefore, the calling on of the third reading of this bill was not a calling on of the bill in the ordinary way, and when the bill was called on the bell should be rung, and the House proceed to division at once.

Mr. BROWN said that in the volume of decisions of precedents of the Legislative Council there was a ruling on this point. He read the decision, and said that the only thing to be done was to get back to the position at which they were when the bill was placed on the business paper.

Mr. GOULD said that the hon. member in charge of Government business was not bound to proceed at the dictation of the House, but must wait until the motion was reached on the paper.

The DEPUTY-PRESIDENT said that he had asked Mr. Dangar to put his protest in writing, and this had been done. Mr. Dangar's notice of dissent was as follows:—"I submit that the House should dissent from the ruling of the Deputy-President on the ground that the 57th Standing Order does not apply to the case of the order of the day for the third reading of the Cobar-Wilcannia Railway Bill, on which, having been interrupted by a count-out in division, no debate could take place, and, therefore, it does not come within the category of ordinary matters for third reading. Also on the ground that the order of the day having been called on by the action of the Deputy-President, the House was bound to proceed to division at once, which, by the ruling of the Deputy-President, was prevented." He would like, before the House gave its decision, to give a detailed account of what had taken place. The Deputy-President then gave an account of the different steps which had been taken in connection with the bill, and said he would give a precedent. On April 4, 1888, the Permanent Trustees Company of New Wales Bill was in division in committee. Notice was given by a member now deceased that there was no quorum present, and the bill was counted out. The President then adjourned the House, and on the following day notice was given of a motion that the bill be restored to the business paper. That motion was passed, and the entry on the business paper concerning it appeared:—"Permanent Trustees of New South Wales Bill, to be further considered in committee." He, therefore, thought in deciding the point of order as he did that he was quite right, and would also like to say in justice to the officers of the House that they were also right in view of the precedent he had quoted.

The motion of dissent from the ruling of the Deputy-President was then put, and negatived on division by 32 votes to 9, those voting in favour of it being Messrs. Dangar, Want, Lee, Kelly, Dr. Norton, Macintosh, Vickery, T. H. Smith, Kater, Brown, and Cox.

SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDING) BILL.

On the motion of the VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL the House resolved into committee to consider the message from the Legislative Assembly in relation to the Sydney Corporation (Amending) Bill.

The message from the Legislative Assembly was read as follows:—"The Legislative Assembly, having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's message, dated September 26, 1899, and also the report of the managers on behalf of the Assembly at the free conference with the Legislative Council, in reference to the Council's amendments in the Sydney Corporation (Amending) Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, still insists upon its disagreement to the Council's amendments which deal with the qualification of lodgers as voters; but no longer insists upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment defining the word 'females,' and the Council's amendments dealing with the election of Mayor. The Legislative Assembly thus waives its objection to several of the Legislative Council's amendments, with the view of affording a further opportunity for reconciling the differences between the two Houses."

Mr. WANT said that on the previous evening when the motion for sending the message to the Assembly in connection with this bill was decided there was a division, 38 members being in favour of the message being sent and 8 against it. He was one of the 8, but the message was sent, and the House was therefore in honour bound to agree to whatever the Assembly proposed in view of that message. The Assembly proposed to give up the clause in the bill which had the effect of giving the female vote, but to retain the lodger vote. He had opposed the lodger vote throughout, and was still as strongly opposed to it as ever, but in honour he was bound to vote for it now. He regretted the necessity, but it was useless to follow the course the House had elected to take.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he thought he was echoing the opinions of hon. members who voted in favour of the message being sent to the other Chamber, because it was intended that the message should be sent in view of asking the Assembly to make some further proposal. The Assembly had met them very fairly: it had given up two out of the three things on which the disagreement arose. He would therefore move, "That the Council do not insist on its amendment which deals with the qualification of lodgers as voters."

Mr. PILCHER said he had pointed out on the previous day that by sending this message to the other Chamber the House would be giving up what it had all along been fighting for. He had warned the House of what was the logical conclusion of the message, and though he disliked the lodger's vote as much as Mr. Want could do he felt bound to vote for it for the same reason that actuated Mr. Want. The Chamber was standing firm, and he hoped that what was now being done would not be taken as a precedent.

Mr. MACINTOSH said that he had voted with the majority on the previous evening, but had then no idea of what the effect would be. There would be great difficulty in obtaining a quorum of the Assembly, and he would suggest that the aldermen should now be elected from the same roll as members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. COX said the House had given up a great deal, but he thought it might fairly make the compromise.

Mr. BROWN said he was one of the managers at the free conference between the two Houses. It had been said that in sending the message the House was holding out the olive branch; but it appeared to him that, instead of holding out the olive branch they were holding up the white flag. The House had from the first given up a lot, and now had ignominiously surrendered the position by sending the message. However, he felt bound to accept the compromise.

Mr. CHARLES said he had voted against this measure, and was not now going to stultify himself.

The motion was carried, and the House having resumed the resolution was adopted, and a message was sent to the Assembly intimating that the House no longer insisted upon its amendment dealing with the qualification of lodgers as voters.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION ACT.

Mr. HAWKEN moved a lengthy resolution expressing an opinion that the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, as passed by the Imperial Legislature, should be submitted for formal acceptance to the Legislatures of the various colonies, and that the several Australian Parliaments should have an opportunity of placing on record any objection to the Act in view of future alterations in the Constitution which might be desirable in the interests of Australia, and stipulating the formal assent to the Act, and that the formal acceptance of the Act by the several Australian Governments would prevent any plea at any future period that the Act had not received the assent of the people and Parliaments of Australia. He stated the motion was the result of consequence of the reply of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, given on August 24 last to a question put by him, that it was not considered necessary to submit the Act as passed by the Imperial Legislature for any further ratification. He thought, under the circumstances, that the Imperial Act should be confirmed and assented to by the Parliaments of Australia.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he did not see why it should be considered necessary for the Parliaments to confirm the Act. The bill was passed in the Australian colonies almost in the same state as the Act was now, and the hon. member must remember that when the proposed amendments which he had discussed were embodied in the bill the Parliament of this colony agreed to them. The hon. member was also aware that while we remained an integral part of the British Empire if a new constitution was required it must be given by the Imperial Parliament. It was for that reason that the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill was sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament, and it would therefore be ridiculous for the House to agree to the resolutions embodied in the motion. He thought the hon. member would do well to withdraw the motion.

Mr. MEEKS said he thought it was too late to discuss the subject, and he thought that the hon. member, having expressed his opinion, would do well to withdraw the resolution.

Mr. SLATTERY said it would be constitutionally incorrect for the House to vote for the resolution as submitted. He criticised the bill as passed by the Imperial Parliament, and said that in spite of what had been said to the contrary he thought it was the most imperfect Constitution Act in existence in any British community. (Hear, hear.) But it was their duty now to bow to the public will and do their best to make the Act work in the best interests of the colony. (Hear, hear.) He sincerely hoped that it would be so worked as to give the greatest satisfaction and prosperity to the whole of the colonies. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. HAWKEN having replied, the motion was put and negatived on the voices.

DENTISTS' BILL.

Sir ARTHUR RENWICK moved the second reading of the Dentists' Bill, and explained that it provided for a dental board consisting of two qualified medical practitioners, four dentists, and two persons not being either medical practitioners or dentists. The appointment would be for three years. The bill also provided for the removal of dentists for malpractice or infamous conduct, and the clause made provision for the different classes of persons who were to come within the scope of the legislation. Certain qualifications were also laid down. The bill was introduced solely in the interests of the public in order to enable persons to distinguish between dentists who were properly qualified and those who were not.

Mr. HUGHES said he would vote for the second reading of the bill because he believed it would be to the advantage of the community generally, but the eleventh clause and some other provisions would require amendment.

The motion was agreed to, and the House having gone into committee on the measure clauses 1 to 10 were carried without amendment.

On clause 11, "Qualifications necessary for registration,"

Mr HUGHES suggested the postponement of the clause in order that time should be given to frame amendments which would bring these part-colar provisions more into line with the English Act.

Dr. CULLEN said that for the purpose of sweeping away undeserving persons they ran the risk of inflicting a hardship on deserving people.

Dr. NASH said that medical men as a rule knew nothing of the mechanical part of a dentist's education. They had no knowledge of what particular teaching should be followed, and a certificate from a medical man would be of very little assistance to a dentist.

Sir ARTHUR RENWICK said this clause had been very fully considered in another Chamber, where it was felt that there was no more adequate solution of the difficulty than to place these words, "possessed of adequate knowledge in dentistry," in the clause.

Mr. WANT said that those who qualified themselves by examination looked with a certain amount of distrust on those who had not. There were, however, many persons who had not passed any examination, but had acquired a certain amount of knowledge by years of practice, and were estimable men. He thought that the words "and has satisfied the board that he is possessed of adequate knowledge in dentistry" should be struck out.

Dr. MACLAURIN said that in England in 1815 a law was passed that no man should be entitled to practise as a medical practitioner unless he was a member of the Apothecaries' Hall; but as it would work hardship on men who had practised before that time it was decided that all who were in practice before the Act was passed should be considered as members of the hall. Persons beginning practice after the law was passed had, however, to be members of the Apothecaries' Hall. He thought that something of the kind might be done in this case.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved that the words "and has satisfied the board that he is possessed of adequate knowledge in dentistry" be struck out of sub-clause B.

Sir ARTHUR RENWICK said the clause was placed in the bill by the Legislative Assembly solely for the protection of the public. He considered the amendment a serious one, and should divide the committee upon it.

The amendment was agreed to on division by 18 votes to 9.

Mr. HUGHES moved a further amendment, to strike out sub-clause D, with a view of inserting a new sub-clause, providing that the qualifications, in addition to those in previous sub-clauses, should be attainment "of the age of 21 years, and has been articled or is serving articles for a period of not less than two years to a dental practitioner entitled to be registered under this Act, provided that he has served six months of such article before the commencement of this Act, and that such articles shall have expired."

The clause was agreed to as amended, as was also clause 12.

Clause 13, unregistered persons not to assume name dentists, &c., was verbally amended and agreed to.

The remaining clauses were agreed to, the first two schedules were struck out as being unnecessary, and the third schedule was verbally amended and agreed to.

The bill was then reported with amendments and the report adopted, the third reading being made an order for Wednesday next.

HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE BILL.

On the motion of Mr. HUMPHERY the Holt-Sutherland Estate Bill was read the second time. Mr. Humphery explained that it was to enable the owners of the estate, who were tenants in tail, to grant leases to the Holt-Sutherland Estate Company for a period longer than 21 years.

The bill was taken through committee without material amendments, and the third reading was made an order for Wednesday next.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 11.35 p.m. adjourned until Wednesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

LATE SITTING.

EARLY CLOSING BILL.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

The debate on the second reading of the Early Closing (Amendment) Bill was continued after the first edition of Thursday's "Herald" had gone to press.

The PREMIER said he had listened to the speech of the hon. member for Northumberland, who had made a long dissertation on the question of the small shopkeepers. When the original Act was under discussion last year that hon. member must have recognised everything that he recognised now. He voted for the amendment providing a half-hour for closing shops and preventing the sweating and the curse, which, if he now had his way, he would bring into existence again.

Mr. FERGUSON said that most of the objections to the Act came from those who were allowed to keep open at night.

Mr. JESSEP said that in New Zealand the Early Closing Act introduced in 1894 expressly exempted the keepers of small shops in which the persons employed lived on the premises from the operations of the Early Closing Act.

Mr. HAWTHORNE said he felt great difficulty in deciding where to draw the line between the small shopkeepers who employed no labour and those who were guilty of the sin of employing it. He would support the second reading of the bill.

The debate was continued by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. W. Young, Mr. H. Ross, Mr. Ackersen, Mr. Miller, and others.

The second reading was agreed to on the voices, and the House went into Committee to consider the Bill in detail.

The first and second clauses of the bill were agreed to and progress was reported.

JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL.

The Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill was called on for further consideration in Committee, Dr. Ross moving in the chair. The members divided to go on with the business, and, a count out being threatened, progress was reported.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 3.45 a.m. adjourned till the usual hour on Thursday.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

Mr. M'Gowen, on behalf of Mr. S. Smith, presented a petition from the Centennial Lodge, No. 561, praying that the Licensing Act be amended so as to reduce the number of hours hotels and wine-shops may keep open, to secure more effective Sunday closing of public-houses, and to relieve the bona fide traveller from the burden of having to go into a hotel to obtain his refreshment. The petition was signed by about 1000 signatures.

Mr. Chapman presented a similar petition from the residents of Sydney.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Nielsen, said that Judge Murray was on May 4 appointed a deputy Railway Commissioner to hear appeals. There had been 107 appeals heard since, and he attended 49 of them. In the other cases his judicial duties prevented his attendance, but it was proved that he appeared on behalf of the Government in all the contestable cases, and he was of opinion that he would do so with all the contention which would crop up from year to year when an election had to be made for the choice of a day.

Mr. FERGUSON said that as the half holiday was for the employee surely he should have some voice in the matter. He could see no valid or reasonable objection to the fact that the employees of the larger shops would have the predominant vote, because if they did it would be by reason of the consequential fact that they were the most numerous.

Mr. CHANTER said he thought the principle of taking a vote of employees was a good one. Himself and his opposing it in his employees was altogether wrong. As a fact, the half-holiday arrangement in the country was already working smoothly before the legislative compulsion was brought into operation. If the amendment were carried it would open the door for the creation of a very undesirable feeling between employers and employees.

Mr. BRUNKER said the whole question was one of such great difficulty that when, after nine months' experience of the principal Act, the Minister, with the aid of his officers, framed an amending bill and brought it before the House, he allowed it to stand by inadvertence to be taken out of his hands by a country member, for that is what he did when he accepted the hon. member's amendment. The Early Closing Association established in the Maitland district had done a great deal of good, and promoted good feeling between employers and employed, instead of dissension. He was in perfect agreement with the proposal that the fixing of the holiday should be left in the hands of the various towns, but held that no real benefit would be derived by giving the employees votes in connection with the matter.

Mr. D. THOMSON said that if the argument that the Early Closing Act was for the benefit of the employees was a good one, they might as well give the management of the whole thing over to the employees. He thought the committee would not act wisely in agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. REYMOND said he did not think anything was to be gained by throwing down an "apple of discord" between the employers and the employees, as a portion of this amendment would do.

Mr. HAYNES said he would support the amendment, because he believed it would have the effect of bringing two classes of the community closer together; and never before the passing of the principal Act had it been seen by each that their interests in this respect were identical, and that those of the employer were bound up in those of the employee.

Mr. HOGUE said he did not think the employees should have the power of deciding on what day the half-holiday should be fixed in the small country towns, first, because he did not think they wanted it, and second, because he felt that they would fix the holiday purely in their own interests, whilst if the employers were allowed to fix the day they would select one that would be in the interests of the public.

Mr. MACDONALD said that it was in his opinion a good thing for the country that the amendment had been tabled. He did not think the granting to shop employees in small country towns the power to fix the half-holiday would do them a great deal of good, at the same time he could not understand the fear of those members who expected dreadful results to follow from granting such power.

Mr. NORTON said that members admitted that the vast majority of the country towns were in favour of the half-holiday being Wednesday, therefore there was no difficulty in fixing the day by law.

Dr ROSS said the country people had not asked for the advantages claimed under the amendment. He wished to know why the Early Closing Bill was not made to apply to Parliament. (Hear, hear.) Members ought to meet at 10 o'clock in the morning and rise at 6 p.m.

The MINISTER FOR LABOUR said he must appeal to hon. members to get to work. (Hear, hear.) The amendment had been discussed for four hours. Portion of it he was accepting and the hon. member for Robertson would now submit it in amended form.

Mr. DONALDSON said if the employees were allowed to choose the fixing of the holiday and they chose times which would be inconvenient to the public and their employers, the latter would give them notice to leave at once. So he could not see what risk hon. members could see in allowing employees to choose the day on which the holiday should be fixed.

Mr. A. CHAPMAN said he would support the amendment.

The committee divided on the amendment of Mr. Fitzgerald for the excision of certain words.

The amendment was agreed to by 64 votes to 9. Those voting in the minority were—Dr. Ross, Messrs. Loss, Chanter, Phillips, M'Lean, Mahony, Molesworth, Reid, and Norton. The clause now read: "Sections 3 and 4 of the principal Act are hereby repealed, and every proclamation made under the provisions of section 3 of the principal Act is hereby rescinded."

Mr. FITZGERALD moved as an addition to the amended clause words providing:—"1. The closing times for all shops (except those mentioned in schedule 1) situate within a country shopping district shall be: On one week day 1 o'clock; on one week day, 10 o'clock; such days (until altered in pursuance of this Act) to be those respectively now observed in such shopping district, and on the four other weekdays 6 o'clock, and all such shops shall close on such days not later than the hours above mentioned, which shall be hours after the hour of noon each day. 2. When the principal Act shall have been in force in any country shopping district for a period of not less than nine months not less than one third of the shopkeepers (not being shops mentioned in schedule 1), may present to the Minister a memorial under their hands, in the form of schedule 2 to the said Act, asking that a poll be taken on the question whether any of the days observed as aforesaid in pursuance of this Act should be altered to the day specified in the memorial. On receipt of the memorial the Minister shall notify in the "Gazette," and at least in two issues of a newspaper circulating in the district, that on a day therein named (not being less than 21 nor more than 28 days after the notification in the "Gazette") a poll will be taken as to the alternative proposed. 3. On the day so notified a poll shall be taken as prescribed by the regulations, and at such poll each shopkeeper and any shop assistant subject to the regulations shall have one vote. If a majority of those voting at the poll vote that the said days, or any of them, ought to be altered, the Minister shall so notify in the "Gazette," and the closing days for such shops in the district shall be so altered accordingly. 4. Where a poll has been taken in pursuance of this section no other poll shall be taken for a period of two years from the taking of the first-mentioned poll. For the purposes of this clause 'shop assistant' means any person who shall have been engaged for three months at least in the shop (not being a shopkeeper or a member of the principal Act) in the shopping district in which he claims to vote, and who at the time of voting shall be above the age of 18 years."

Mr. ASHTON said that amendment would render shop assistants powerless to alter the day of the half-holiday without the co-operation of the employers. He moved to strike out of the amendment the words in sub-section 3, "any shop assistant," in order to test the question whether shop assistants should or should not have a vote.

Mr. NORTON desired the clause to be postponed, and moved that the Chairman leave the chair.

Discussion ensued, during which the Premier remarked: "This bill is going through to-night or not at all." (Cheers). But he promised to recommit the measure on the third reading if necessary.

The amendment was negatived on division by 37 votes to 25.

Mr. GARLAND said that the proposed new clause gave a vote to shop assistants of 18 years of age. He moved that the word "eighteen" be struck out with the view of inserting the words "twenty-one."

Mr. FITZGERALD said he would accept the amendment. (Cries of "No, no.")

Mr. Reid and several members pressed the Minister not to accept the amendment. It was urged that all shop assistants should have votes.

The MINISTER FOR LABOUR said he would agree to retain the age of "eighteen" in the bill. (Hear, hear.)

The amendment of Mr. Garland was negatived, and the clause as amended was agreed to.

On clause 5, "Extending the provisions of the Act to hairdressers' and tobacconists' shops, and caused them to close at 7.30 p.m.,

The MINISTER FOR LABOUR said he would withdraw the clause. The law would then leave the closing hour for tobacconists 11 p.m., and for hairdressers 7.30 p.m.

Clause 5 was consequentially amended. On clause 6, "closing times in case of holiday occurring," Mr. A. Griffith moved and it was agreed, that the closing hour of any shop not exempted on the day preceding a public holiday observed by such shop should be 6 p.m. except when the holiday was Christmas Eve, Good Friday, or New Year's Day, when the closing hour of the day preceding would be 10 p.m. In each case the ordinary half holiday in such week would be abolished.

Clause 7,—"Provisions as to tobacconist shops to apply to hotels selling tobacco," was struck out on the voices.

Clause 8 and clause 9, providing that a shopkeeper might employ an assistant for extra hours in lieu of holiday on full pay.

On clause 10, in which the half-holiday to shopassistants in restaurants was fixed at 4 from 1 o'clock instead of from 1 o'clock, an objection was raised by Mr. M'Gowen against limiting the holiday of the employees, and discussion followed, during which it was stated that the half-holiday from 1 o'clock was a fixed place, without complaint, for about nine months.

Mr. HUGHES suggested that in cases where employees worked on Sundays a full day's holiday should be allowed them each week. He said some assistants worked from 80 hours to 100 hours per week. He would be prepared later on to move an amendment limiting the hours of work of such employees to 60 hours per week.

The House divided, and the clause was agreed to.

The House was sitting when our report closed.

PARLIAMENTARY PR

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

There was but little business done in investment stocks on the Stock Exchange to-day, with only slight fluctuations in quotations. New South Wales 4 per cent. funded stock improved a trifle, having a buyer at 103½. City Bank of Sydney advanced 1s, with buyer of old at 90s, and new at 85s, Bank of New South Wales selling at the last quotation. Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits recovered 1½d, B's. being quitted at the previous price. Sydney Ferries further receded, with seller at 34s. Mercantile Mutual Insurance were bought at an advance of 3d. For North Shore Gas 32s was paid, but were afterwards offered at 31s 9d, while new were in request at 8s 3d. Castlemaine and Wood Brothers Brewery improved a trifle, and Tooth's were 3d dearer, Marshall's selling at 4s. Colonial Sugar brought 4½, and were offered at close at 6d less; Shale and Oil sprang 6d, other alterations in the list being but nominal.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon: A.J.S. Bank A Deposits, 14s 1½d. Noon: A.J.S. Bank B Deposits, 13s 3d; Mercantile Mutual Insurance 3s 6d; North Shore Gas, 32s. Later: Colonial Sugar, 4½; Bank of New South Wales, 85½. Afternoon: A.J.S. Bank A Deposits, 14s 2d; Marshall's Brewery, 4s; North Shore Gas, 32s. Late sales: Tooth's Brewery, 27s 6d; Commercial Bank of Australia preferent, £6 18s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Share.	Shares paid up.	Last Div.	Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investors.
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R.A.W. F. S.								
1889	2,549,350	...	...	4	106	105½	106	3
Do. Act, 1873	559,189	...	...	3	100	...	...	3
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Ditto, 1894-95	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3
Ditto V. Bills, 1895	500,000	...	...	3½	100	100½	102	3
Do. Deb. 1900	300,300	...	...	5	104	102	...	3
Gland D. 1919	...	...	...	4	107	...	...	3
Do. D. 1919	303,300	...	...	4	100	...	...	3
Colonial Sugar	...	...	...	8	114½	110	...	3½
—B. 1914—								
BANKS.								
Aust. A.J.S.	1,167,267	10	7½	...	1/3	...	...	4½
Australasia	1,000,000	25	10	4	68/	90	...	5½
City	500,000	10	8	4	90/	...	95/	7
New South	165,000	10	8	4	82	...	...	7½
Com. of A.	1,200,237	40	6	4	8/9	...	...	8
Ditto, perf	1,117,020	10	10	4	8/	...	...	8
Com. of Sydy.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	20½	20	30½	12½
Dep'l of Aust.	1,498,200	40	6	...	1/	...	...	...
Do. A'sian	905,780	10	8	5	11½	11½	...	4½
N.S. Wales	2,000,000	20	20	9	45½	45½	46	4
Gov. Savings	570,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
W'ch Gov. Sav'd	100,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bank of Q.	766,[illegible]	7	5½	2½	51	50/	...	5½
Union	1,500,000	75	25	7	27½	28	...	4½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bank								
Class A	...	...	...	3	14½	14½	14½	4½
Class B	...	...	...	3	13½	13½	13½	4½
Ditto Insc.	...	...	...	3½	9/	9½	10½	7½
Com. of Aus.								
A. Ser., 1888	...	...	...	3	19/6	19/3	...	3½
Ditto assts	...	...	...	3	16/6	16/	...	4½
R.S.A. series	...	...	...	3	16/6	16/3	...	4½
Ins. perf.	840,418	...	...	12½	12½	12½	14½	4
Ditto def.	840,20[illegible]	...	...	3	14½	13½	...	4
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	18/9	18/6	...	3½
Ditto Tr.	230,929	...	...	4	15/6	15/	...	4
Q. Nat.	...	...	...	3½	14/9	14/6	15/	4
STEAM.								
Bal. N. Ferry	18,420	1	10	37/	35/6	...	...	6
Illawarra	50,000	5	3½	8/	6/	...	...	6
Newcastle	100,000	10	8	10	18/6	...	...	5½
North Coast	131,745	1	17½	8	2/3	...	3/	5½
Syd'y Ferries	150,000	10	7	7	36/3	30	...	4
Pyd Jackson	88,000	50	25/	...	26	20/	25/	...
Ditto Cons.								
Deb. Sha.	9,350	...	1	...	17/	14/6	17/3	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	37,500	1	7½	18/	21/	21/	22/6	4
Mer. Mutual	30,000	1	4/	10	11/	11/6	12/	...
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	10	37/6	...	...	...
United	67,500	10	3½	10	7/	7/3	7/6	7
Ditto, Ins.	8,720	10	12/6	10	15/	14/6	15/6	8½
GAS.								
Alloy	7,500	10	10/	10/	18/	...	...	7
Australian	691,275	10	8	8	18½	18½	18½	5
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	1½	12/6	...	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	10	8	1½	15/	14/	16/	6½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	7	2½	2½	...	6
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	2½	2½	2½	5½
Ditto, New	8,000	1	1	10	1/	1/	1/3	5
Melbourne	8,000	1	1	7½	18/6	18/	...	5
Newcastle	90,120	2	2	1	6½	6½	...	5
Ditto, 5 paid						15/3	20/	4
Sydney Stock	105,000	1	1	7	32/	...	31/2	4
Do. New, 2 6 p					8/3	8/3	8/6	8
BREWERIES.								
Albury	10,000	10	8	8	6/9	...	...	7½
Ditto	4,000	1	1	8	...	...	...	8
Australian	96,000	1	1	2½	8/3	8/	...	...
C'tim. & Wood								
Bros.	250,000	1	4	13	13/	13/2	8/	...
Resolute's	80,000	10	8	8½	8½	8½	...	4½
Tooheys	38,[illegible]	15	15	15	28/6	...	...	5½
Tooth's	600,000	1	1	7	27/6	27/6	27/9	5½
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Australian	17,000	1	10	4/	2/9	4	...	...
Aus. News	150,000	1	1	5	16/	15/	17/	6
B.H.W. Sm.	180,000	...	...	10	28/	28/	28/6	8½
Burns, Philp.	275,000	...	...	8	26/6	25/	27	4½
New Times	...	1	1	5	9/	...	...	5
Qd. Sugar	1,792,000	20	20	10	40	39½	...	5
New Sugar	84,800	20	10	10	10	9½	...	5
Rodwell's	1,000,000	10	8	8	5/10	...	...	8
Emu B. Boil.	100,000	1	1	8	8/	9/	...	8
Kalg. Gravel	34,000	1	1	8	8/	10/6	...	11
Malt Co.	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...
Mel. Trams	400,000	10	10	25/6	22	...	...	...
Metropolitan	79,800	1	1	7½	26	25/6	26/6	5½
Ditto New	1,200	1	10	7	10/	...	...	...
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	8	17/6	18/	...	6½
Ditto Pref.	48,000	1	1	6	22/6	...	22/6	5½
N. Zealand	150,000	1	15	6/	17/	16/9	17/3	6½
P.L. & Bruce.								
cum pref.	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15	4	11½	5/9	6/9	...
New York and								
B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	12½	26/	23/6	...	8½
Farm. Trades	20,000	1	1½	1½	2/1	2/	2/2	8½
Perpet. Trust	20,000	10	8	8	8/	8	...	4
Richardson &								
Wrench	62,000	1	1	5	12/3	12	12/9	8
Sil. Tram	97,000	1	1	40	85/6	85/6	97/6	8
Syd. Exch.	31,000	10	10	7	14/	14/	...	7
Syd. Hydr.	75,000	1	1	10	22/6	22	...	8½
Do., 10s paid	37,500	1	10	10	24/6	24/3	24/6	8
Vol'rl. Orphan								185
LAND & BD.								
Aus. Mut. Bd								7½
Bank-aus. Dep.						7½	7½	6
Fed. B. Dep								6
Hayward's D				10/	8	12/6	13/	...
Int. Prov.	64,926	20	20	2½	24/	24/	...	8
Inter. B.	88,564	1	15	7	13/6	15/	17	7½
Newcastle B.								
and I.					6/10	4/6	6/3	...
Sy. Pro. Land					10/			
Syd. & N. Dep.								

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per 10 shs.

Other companies than the banks engaged in one way or another in Anglo-Australian trade generally maintain their position. The dividend of the Colonial Consignment Company for the past year is again at the rate of 7 per cent., and £4337 is placed to consignors' distribution fund, against a like dividend and £4904 in the previous year. The New Zealand Shipping Company's dividend for the past half-year is again at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, the same as for several previous half-years, and the directors are so content with the position and prospects that they have ordered an addition to their fleet a steamship of 10,000 tons. The following is a list of the dividends declared by the principal Anglo-Australian companies having their head offices in the United Kingdom during the past two years:—

	1898.	1899.
	Per cent. per ann.	Per cent. per ann.
Bank of Australasia	...	...
Union of Australia	5½	5½
London of Australia	—	—
English, Scottish, and Australian	...	...
Australian Agricultural	25c	25c
Australian Mortgage	5	5
National Mortgage N.Z.	5	7½
Mortgage of South Australia	2	2
British and Australian Trust	5	5
Scottish Australian Mining	2	2
Van Diemen's Land	1 3-5	1 3-5
Trust Agency of Australia	20	15
New Zealand Trust	8	8
N.S.W. Mortgage	0	5
Scottish Australian Investment	2½	2½
Peninsular and Oriental Def.	10	10
Orient Steam	2½	0
N.Z. Shipping	...	4
Australian Estates	4½	5
N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency	4	4
Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	4	4
Australian Pastoral Land	6	6

The figures are for the last complete year of which we have a record in the case of each company. The Bank of Australasia and Union of Australia show higher dividends. The London Bank of Australia and the English, Scottish, and Australian, though not declaring dividends, have improved their positions. Seven of the companies made larger distributions to their shareholders, three divided smaller amounts, but on the whole the position of the companies has improved.

The Kasuga Maru takes £4000 in gold for Hongkong, shipped by Chinese.

The conference of Newcastle coalmine proprietors this afternoon unanimously decided to raise the price of coal from January 1 next to 11s per ton, instead of to 10s per ton, as previously agreed upon. The decision was practically a compromise, some wanting the price fixed at 12s and others at 10s. The advance will be a very substantial one of 2s per ton, or 33⅓ per cent. on the present selling price of 6s per ton. Under their agreement the miners will get 4d per ton of the extra 1s now agreed upon.

The rise in the price of silver to 2s 5d per oz. will be satisfactory to our silver miners. Whatever the cause the bullion market has been unusually strong for the past month. In touching 2s 5d, the price is the highest since April, 1899, when that figure was reached in consequence of speculative buyers in the United States, based on the belief that silver was unduly low. That movement, however, was not maintained, prices in that year afterwards dropping as low as 2s 2¼d per ounce, owing to the sale by the State of Gwalior of some £200,000 worth of rupees, and the belief that further sales would be made. Possibly a more legitimate cause is responsible for the rise this year. India, China, and the Straits have all been taking more silver. In the first years of the currency scheme of India, the requirements of silver by that country, though not altogether nil, were certainly less than they have been recently—a stimulus having been given to the demand by the Government having to coin more rupees. It is apparent that the expansion of trade will make it necessary to supply additional silver money, besides the supplements of gold that will be made from time to time, and this demand will, of course, tend to give stability to the market at what is seemingly a price ranging about 2s 4d. For the past 10 years the ranges in the prices of silver have been as follows:—

	Highest.	Lowest.	Average.
	d.	d.	d.
1890	54	43 11-16	47 11-16
1891	49	43	45 1-16
1892	43	37 15-16	39 13-16
1893	39	30	35
1894	32	27	28 15-16
1895	31	27 5-16	29
1896	31 9-16	29	30
1897	29 15-16	28	28 9-16
1898	28 5-16	25	26 15-16
1899	29	26	27 7-10
1900 to date	29	27	28

To date this year our silver has been marked at a higher average price than since the year 1897; and the course of the market would seem to suggest that the prices are now on a natural basis. Silver has not been thrown out of monetary use by the world through the adoption of the gold standard, for while some silver coin has been sold, the discarded metal has been taken up by other countries that have still required large amounts. And there is now more silver money in use by the various nations than at any previous time. Doubtless the expansion of trade and the rise in prices have all favoured the retention of silver to supplement the gold which is superseding it as the standard metal. But with populous countries so poor as India, China, and Russia, it seems quite probable that any developments in material prosperity will tend to increase the use of silver for a long time to come.

Any event that seems to tell against the credit or solvency of the colonies is never lost sight of by the well-known editor of the "Investors' Review." After noticing the recent "accountancy" reports on the New South Wales public expenditure, this is how he improves the occasion:—"A cynical colonial man of business told a friend of his some time ago that all the colonies manipulate their figures. He could not tell quite how, but he knew that they did it, and some day when the operation became impossible they, in his opinion, would default. That is very much our view, but default will not come until London—or New York—can no longer lend." The moral of course for Australian financiers is to give no occasion for comment of the kind. True, it only wants the appearance of an occasion, so that what is to be avoided is even the appearance of discredit. Our politicians by their charges one against the other have an ever-watchful friend on the other side of the world, who never fails to magnify the criticisms against our credit or solvency. We thought it was England and not Australia that was borrowing from New York. But probably this was intended for the British Government, which has been receiving as severe criticism in its way as the colonial Treasurers.

BREADSTUFFS.

The freight market is, if anything, a shade firmer, seeing that wheat is not easy to obtain even at the nominal prices quoted, and the London market shows no great strength. Shippers are doing but little beyond business already arranged for. Prime wheat is still quoted at up to 2s 9d ex trucks, but latest quotations based on current freights for parcels work out at about 2s 9½d f.o.b., thus leaving a loss to the shipper. Flour was quiet at £6 5s to £6 15s per ton.

The exports of wheat from the port of Sydney during the week ended September 22 were as follows:—

	Wheat.	Bags.
To Queensland	...	2,022
To London	...	600
To Noumea	...	3,879
To Bombay	...	300
To Thursday Island	...	6
Total	...	6,807

The shipments of flour during the same period were:—

	Sacks.	1-sacks.	½-sacks.
To Queensland	1,095	180	1,800
To London	1,000	...	...
To Noumea	710	...	...
To Fiji	195	...	...
To Victoria	100	...	...
To Thursday Island	20	...	200
Totals	3,720	180	1,900

Up-to-date shipments have been as follows:—

	Wheat. Bags.	Flour. Bags.
Previously in 1900	237,595	191,351
Week ended September 22	6,807	3,278
Total to date	244,402	194,629

Resuming the visit to the States of Messrs. Matheson and Sinclair, on account of the wheat-handlers in Victoria, the agricultural correspondent of the "Standard" has the following note in his letter:—"It is doubtful whether the farmers at New South Wales and Victoria are anxious for the adoption of the American system of storing wheat in elevators. In the United States the system has lost itself to the control of gross by elevator companies and others, under the option method of trading, and the same result may follow if the system of corn elevators become general there. Another change proposed is the packing of wheat in two-bushel bags, instead of four-bushel sacks—a great convenience where labour is short, as one man can load the bags by himself, whereas two are required to place sacks of corn on a waggon."

IMPORT MARKET.

Prices generally ruled firm, merchants obtaining remunerative rates for some of the leading lines. With the general upward trend of the freight market the idea is becoming prevalent that it is unlikely that rates from London will fail to share the almost universal advance. Should this prove to be the case stocks on spot and afloat will be appreciated in value to the extent of any rise that may take place. Cornsacks ruled firmer to-day, one advance, which was quoted twice yesterday, becoming established to-day, with some holders asking still higher rates. Some large parcels of kerosene moved off at the advanced rates recently quoted. Dried fruits remains firm on spot and to arrive. Otherwise but few changes occurred, and those few were of an unimportant character.

Tea.—Cables from Colombo advise a steady market at Wednesday's auctions there. Forty chests of Ceylon teas sold at 10d to 1s, and 140 chests of Indians at 7½d to 8½d. China ruled quiet, holders not pressing for business.

Messrs H. W. Carey and Co. will offer to-morrow (Friday) at the Exchange salerooms, 260 packages of Ceylon, 410 Indian, and 1110 China teas ex Oruya, Himalaya, and Changsha, under instructions from Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Brown and Co., and other importers.

Sugar.—The market ruled very firm at late market rates. Stocks of sugar in Europe on August 1 were returned as 250,000 tons less than on the corresponding date in 1899, and 320 000 tons less than in 1898. Stocks in the United States were 110,000 tons less the year than last, and there was a falling-off of 39,000 tons in Cuban ports. The world's visible supply of sugar in store and afloat on August 1 totalled 1,181,227 tons, against 1,385,039 tons in 1899 and 1,737,364 tons in 1898. The requirements of the United States are having an increasing influence on the world's sugar market. During the 11 months ending May 31 this country imported 1,858,003 short tons against 1,780,000 short tons during the same period the year before, and 1,180,000 short tons in 1898. This constantly increasing importation is having the effect of sustaining the markets of the world with comparative steadiness. The chief source of supply of these sugars was the East Indies, which include Java and the Philippines, the amount imported thence being 595,000 short tons. Cuba came next with 311,000 short tons, and the Hawaiian Islands with 235,000 short tons.

Groceries.—100 cases of ox tongues changed hands at market rates. Hoffman's starch was in request for delivery up to the end of the year: 30 tons were booked ex Trafalgar to arrive.

The stocks of coffee, after showing a persistent tendency to increase for some years, have now begun to take a turn in the opposite direction. The world's visible supply on August 1, according to the "Produce Markets Review," was 2369 tons less than on July 1, and 60,000 tons below the corresponding figure for the previous year. This is a fact that is being made the most of by the advocates of a further advance in prices in the largest consuming markets.

Dried Fruits.—Currants ruled firm at 7½d to 8d, with sultanas at the same price between merchant houses. Lower rates were quoted in distributing parcels to the country.

Liquors.—More inquiry was experienced in this department. Hennessy's brandy sold at 34s 3d to 34s 6d for one-star, and 45s 3d to 45s 6d for three-star. Key gin was well held, with comparatively light stocks, at 11s 6d for 15-bottle and 12s for 16-bottle. Some purchases were made on June 1 last there has been a rise in the prime opt on this line of

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Yesterday's Mining market was again fairly brisk. Coal stocks were generally a shade easier after the excitement of the previous day, but both Hetton and Vale of Clwydd were stronger, the latnamed selling at 13s. The Associated Northern Collieries meeting to-day decided to advance the price of coal to 11s per ton, the new scale to take effect from January 1 next. Copper shares were quiet, only two companies being dealt in. B. H. Proprietary, North Broken, and Sulphide Corporation, silver, improved in value, but the only recorded sales at the Exchange meetings were British Broken, new, 25s 9d, and B. H. Proprietary, 52s 3d. Transactions in the local gold section were restricted to five lines, but were without any striking features. Occidental, also Young Australian, closed with greater buoyancy. Neither Victorians nor Queenslanders had any recorded business. In the Western Australian division Great Boulder Main Reef sold up to 51s, but afterwards lost a small portion of the advance, coming, however, much firmer than on Wednesday. Other western ventures were generally the turn lower.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	12/	15/
Hetton	64/	67/
Newcastle	10 10/	11/6
Stockton	12	12 1
Ditto, new	7/3	...
Vale of Clwydd	15/	13/6
Wallsend	30/0/	35/0/
Waratah	7/6	10/
Wickham and Bullock Is.	19/	20/6
Ditto, new	10/6	11
South Wallsend	20/	21/
TIN.		
Broadwater Proprietary, con.	—	20/
Elsmore Val'y	—	5/
Waratah, pd.	—	4/6
COPPER.		
Cobar Chesson, paid	6/6	7/6
Dettswold Freehold, paid	5/	—
Grimshaw Mt. Garnet	3/	3/9
Mt. Morgan	5/0	6/6
North Oriental and Gianmore	—	6/
No. 2 North Phœnix	3/	6d
North South-field	9/	—
No. 2 North Victory	5/10	—
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated	—	2/
Ditto, cons.	1/3	—
South Gianmore and Mount Lyell	22/	24/
South Great Eastern No.	—	11/7
Wallaroo Mt. Boulder	—	21/
Ditto Main Reef	48/6	50
Gt. Boulder Perpetual	11 15/	12/0
Hannan's Block 4A	—	7/
Hannan's Orsa	30/9	32/
Hannan's Pride of Mt. Valley, con.	—	2½
Imperial Boulder	1/6	2/3
Ivanhoe Lake View	10 10/6	10 15
Ivanhoe Junction and Boulder Junction Properties	—	2½
Kalgoorlie Mint	4/	—
Kalgurli Consolidated	15/	20
London register	—	5/10
Kalgurli South, London register	—	8d
Lake Shorry, paid	—	8d
Lake View Consols	—	14/0
Lake View South	3/3	3/0
Parwan Consolidated	—	3/8
Queensland Mines, pd	3/0	4/3
Queen Margaret	12/6	—

The following sales were reported—Overnight.—Gold: Columbia Extended, contributing, 1s 3d; Great Eastern Extended, 2s 1d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £10 18s. Morning.—Coal: Hetton, 65s; Stockton, 12s 6d, 12s. Copper: Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 37s 9d, 37s 9d. Silver: British Broken, new, 25s 9d. Gold: Associated Gold Dredging, contributing, 3s 3d; Sunlight, 3s 6d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 49s 6d, 50s 6d, 51s; Great Boulder Per-overance, £12 1s 3d, £12 1s, £12. Noon.—Coal: Hetton, 65s; Stockton, 11s 9d, 11s 10d, 11s 9d, 11s 10d, 11s, 11s 9d. Copper: North Nymagee, 2s 9d. Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 52s 3d. Gold: Avoca Reefs, 1s 3d, 1s 2d; Little River, 11s; Young Australian, 3s; Associated Gold Mines, 78s 3d; Brown Hill Central, 2s 8½d, 2s 8d; Crœsus Proprietary, 2s 9½, 2s 9½d, 2s 9d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 48s 6d; Lake View South, 9s 6d. Afternoon.—Coal: Stockton, 11s 11d, 12s; Vale of Clwydd, 13s. Gold: Little River Dredging, 10s 9d.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Copper: Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 37s 9d. Silver: Sulphide Corporation, 22s 9d. Gold: Avoca Reefs, 1s 1d; Occidental, 17s 3d; Brown Hill Central, 2s 7d; Crœsus Proprietary, 2s 8d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 49s 6d.

ARALUEN, Thursday.

The Araluen Consolidated dredge is working smoothly. The results are to follow.

BALLARAT, Thursday.

The sales to-day on Change were:—Band and Loch United, 17s, 18s, 18s 4½d; Birthday, 5s 8d; Birthday Tunnel, 5s; Empress of India, 8d; Glenfine N., 1s 9d; Glenfine South, £9 2s; Hendon Consols, 2s 8d; Tubles, 17s 6d, 19s, 19s 6d, 18s 9d; Jubilee Consols, 2s 9d; Kangaroo, 6s 3d, 6s 1½d; Long Thought Of, 1s 9d; Main Lead, 19s 6d; ditto, paid, 19s; Main Leads Consols, 3s 1d; Main Leads North, 9s; Main Leads South, 3s 3d; North Duke, 2s 3d; North Gravels, 1s 3d; Rose's Pioneer, 1s 9d; Sons of Freedom, 9s 6d, 10s; South Imperial, 1s 9d; South Prefield, 3s; Woady Yallock, 2s 3d, 2s 5d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Byron Reef, 8s 10½d, 8s 9d; Central Cookman, 1s, 1s 1½d; Colliemoon and Tacchi, 2s 7d; Egerton, 3s 1d; Eureka and Vineyard, 3d; Fentem's Proprietary, 5s 3d; Hustler's Reef, 5s 3d; North Lady Bracey, 7s 10½d; Old Chum, 5s 1d; Railway Prince of Wales, 5s 1d; Shenandoah, 3s 9d, 3s 7d, 3s 6d.

BRAIDWOOD Thursday.

The Federal Centrifugal Sluicing Company will not be able to complete its wash up before about next Tuesday. The Jembaicumbene company is making good progress with the erection of its machinery, most of which is on the ground, and the balance is transit. The company expects to have steam up in about six weeks' time. The machinery is coming forward from Tasmania for the Braidwood Proprietary, and it is anticipated that all will be delivered in a few weeks. It is expected that the Little River company will have steam up in a few days, being nearly ready to make a start with dredging. All the Jembaicumbene machinery is being rapidly delivered and placed in position. It also is said to be ready to start work. Both the Shoalhaven River and Shoalhaven Terraces dredges are in a very forward state, both having nearly all their machinery delivered.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

There were no sales to-day on 'Change.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

The manager of the North Smithfield reports getting good coarse gold in the deep winze.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Sales: Columbia Smithfield, 1s 9d; Columbia Extended, contributing, 1s 6d; Great Eastern and Orient Tribute, 1s 6d; Nicholl's Lease Tribute, 5d; No. 2 North Victory, 5s 5d, 6s 4d; No. 3 North Victory and Smithfield, 5d, 1s 5d.

Quotations; Columbia Extended, buyer 1s 5d, seller 1s 6d; No. 1 North Columbia Extended, buyer 2½d, seller 3d; Columbia Consolidated, contributing value before treatment being—Copper, 2·25 per cent.; silver 1·95oz. per ton; gold, ·07oz. per ton. In addition to the above there were treated during the same period 4072 tons of purchased ore. The converters have produced during the same period 141 tons of blister copper, containing—Copper, 132 tons; silver, 51,766oz.; gold, 1700oz.

The smelting returns for the four weeks from July 26 to August 22, inclusive, were:—A total quantity of 20,762 tons of ore treated, the average assay value being—treatment being—Copper, 2·21 per cent.; silver, 2·06oz.; gold, ·06oz. In addition to the above there have been treated during the above period 471 tons of purchased ore. The converters have produced during the same period 702 tons of blister copper, containing—Copper, 694 tons; silver, 48,992oz.; gold, 1476oz.

Yesterday the first general meeting (statutory) of the Araluen Junction Gold-dredging Company, N.L., was held at 70 Pitt-street, Sydney, Sir J. P. Abbott presiding. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, stated that every effort was being put forth to complete the company's dredge within the contract time. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The retiring directors were re-elected, the retiring auditor was reappointed, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the board.

At the Avoca Reefs (N.M. Company, Parkes, the 465ft. level has reached 100ft. from the shaft. The roof at this point is all small and compact, and favorable for speed driving. The 390ft. level, north-east of crosscut, has reached 160ft. from crosscut. Reef carrying more gold. Battery started with 10 stamps on Wednesday, crushing one shift on stone from the 290ft. level.

Mr. William Tulloy, of Martin-place, yesterday received the following telegram from the manager of the Brilliant (Charters Towers) Deep Levels, Limited:—"Two feet improved looking stone in level; formation very kindly." The level referred to is No. 2 east, which has a vertical depth of 240ft., and is in 320ft. from the shaft.

The dredgemaster of the Shoalhaven River Gold-dredging Company, No Liability, advises that the elevator is in position. It is capable of elevating the tailings 6ft., was given a trial by one of the men at the rear wheel, the result being very satisfactory, and not a hitch occurring. All other work in connection with the dredge is nearing completion.

Messrs. Saddington and Dixon, local managers of the Dotswood Freehold Mining Company, N.L., North Queensland, yesterday received the following telegram from the mine manager:—"Expect machinery will be crushing within a fortnight. Raising good ore from the underlay."

MANUFACTURE OF CIGARS.

Regarding the disparity in the conditions under which manufacturers of cigars, &c., conduct their business operations in Victoria and New South Wales, William W. Worley, of the Cigar Workers' Industrial League of New South Wales, writes from the Sydney Trades Hall, with reference to the excess duties as it affects the manufacture of cigars, tobacco, and cigarettes in this colony, as compared with the other colonies:—"What I mean chiefly of drawing your attention to is in connection with the manufacturers of cigars working under a £5 license, they being compelled to pay 3s per lb. duty on all the material that clear from bond, whereas in Victoria the duty is 1s per lb., and in Queensland, 2s. There are seven £5 licensees in this colony, and only two who manufacture under the excise conditions. I have been given to understand that under federation these manufacturers who pay excise will be allowed to trade in any of the federal colonies. Now, Sir, I wish to point out the terrible advantage the other colonies have over this colony. The whole of the manufacturers of cigars in Victoria, numbering in all 61 factories, are payers of excise, all of whom will have the advantage over the manufacturers in our own colony unless some alteration is made, which must be of such a character that it will not allow of such unfair competition. I might state that during the past 18 months the cigar trade in this colony has become a recognised one, inasmuch as during that time the number of hands employed in the cigar manufacturing is six times greater than formerly. In conclusion, I wish to state that I have been informed by certain manufacturers under the £5 license that unless some alteration to the existing state of affairs is made it simply means the closing up of probably half a dozen factories and the throwing out of a great many union men, who are, and have been, receiving the proper rate of pay for all work done by them."

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Funerals.

NATHAN.—The Friends of the late ALFRED NATHAN will leave his late residence, No. 72 Darlinghurst-road, Darlinghurst, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8.30, for the Necropolis.
CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director.
Tel., 23 Edgecliff.

OSBORNE.—The Friends of the late Mrs. OSBORNE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, 178 Simmons-street, Newtown, THIS MORNING, at 8.45, for Rookwood.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, Railway Bridge, Newtown.

ASIOLI.—The Friends of deceased LUIGI ASIOLI are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave 11 Campbell-street, Bald Rock, Balmain, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m., for Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Central Office, 818 George-street.
Tel., 424, &c.

M'GOVERN.—The Friends of the late Miss ROSE M'GOVERN are kindly invited to attend her Funeral THIS DAY, September 28; to leave her sister's residence, Mrs. T. M'Govern, 23 Mill Hill-road, Waverley, at 4 o'clock, to the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 23 Oxford-street.

M'GOVERN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. M'GOVERN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved SISTER, Rose M'Govern; to leave their residence, 23 Mill Hill-road, Waverley, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 4 o'clock, to R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 23 Oxford-street.

M'GOVERN.—The Friends of Miss KATE M'GOVERN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Rose; to leave her residence, 23 Mill Hill-road, Waverley, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 4 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 23 Oxford-street.

WOODS.—The Friends of deceased Miss SUSAN WOODS are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 201 Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo, THIS DAY, Friday, at 1.30 p.m., for Necropolis.
COFFILL and CO., 812 George-street.
Tel., 424, &c.

HASKINS.—The Friends of the late Mr JOHN ANDREW TOBENS are kindly informed that his Funeral will leave his late residence, Railway-road, St. Peters, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 3; for Newtown station thence to Necropolis. BOOTH and GOMMERSON, Newtown. Tel., 56N.

HACKSHALL.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS HACKSHALL, also Miss ALICE HACKSHALL, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SON and her BROTHER, the late Mr. Henry Hackshall; to move from 27 Lackey-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter-past 2, for the Necropolis, via Summer Hill station. G. CROCKETT and SON, Undertakers, &c., Summer Hill.

HACKSHALL.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN HACKSHALL, Biscuit Manufacturer, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved NEPHEW, the late Mr. Henry Hackshall; to move from his late residence, 27 Lackey-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter-past 2, for Necropolis, via Summer Hill station. G. CROCKETT, Undertaker, &c., Summer Hill.

HACKSHALL.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. HENRY HACKSHALL, Hairdresser, are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 27 Lackey-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter-past 2, for the Necropolis, via Summer Hill station. G. CROCKETT, Undertaker.

SMALLMAN.—The Friends of Mr. EDWARD SMALLMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved SON, Edward Louis; to move from his residence, 21 Mary-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, Friday, 3 p.m., for the Necropolis. JAMES WEEKS, Undertaker, Newtown. Tel. No., 9N.

WILLIAMS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. WISEMAN are respectfully informed that the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Louisa Williams, will move from their residence, 31 Cassimore-street, Petersham, at half-past 2 o'clock THIS AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, 765 George-st.

LEE.—The Funeral of the late Mr. EDWARD LEE will leave Craiglee, Paterson-street, Milson's Point, North Sydney, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock, for Christ Church, thence to St. Thomas' Cemetery, North Sydney.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

THE Friends of PATRICK MOSS are requested to attend his Funeral at Rookwood R.C. Cemetery, at 4 p.m. TO-DAY, Friday.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of the late Mr. BENJAMIN TAYLOR are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Short-lane, off Military-road, Neutral Bay, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 3 p.m., for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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Meetings.

MAYORS, ALDERMEN, SYDNEY and SUBURBS cordially invited public discussion, "School of Arts, Ashfield, TO-MORROW, Mr. HAYNES, M.L.A., Mr. Ald. HUGHES, Mr. J. A. DOBBIE, Speakers.
C. KOREN, dec. Democratic League.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Business MEETING of Subscribers and Members will be held TO-DAY, 5 p.m., at the Equitable-hall, Equitable-building.
Business—To receive Report and Balance-sheet, and to elect Officers.
A. GREENWAY, Secretary.

THE CITIZENS' VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.—The Weekly MEETING of the General Committee
CITIZENS' VIGILANCE COMMITTEE will be held on FRIDAY NIGHT, 28th September, at the EQUITABLE BUILDINGS, George-street, Sydney, at 8 o'clock.

SHIPMANTERS' ASSOCIATION.—Extraordinary MEETING of Members THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 2.30 p.m., 7 and 9 Bond-street. Business: Election of Directors and Issue of Debentures. W. LE COUTEUR, Secretary.

THE Third Half-yearly General MEETING of the QUEENSLAND SILVER-LEAD MINES, Ltd., will be held THIS DAY, September 28, 1900, at the Institute of Accountants, Institute of Bankers, 16 O'Connell-street.
C. FETHERSTONHAUGH, Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAMBER OF MINES.—The Ordinary General MEETING will be held at the Rooms, Equitable-buildings, George-street, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock. Subject: "Gold Dredging in New Zealand," by Mr. A. C. Perkins.
H. J. THERIDGE, Secretary.

NO. 16, L.O.L., will hold A.P. MEETING, 8 p.m. All invited.

THE BANNA'S PRIDE OF THE VALLEY GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
The Ninth Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held THIS DAY, Friday, the 28th instant, at the Company's Office, No. 40A Sydney Arcade, King-street, at 4 p.m.
By order of the Board,
ARTHUR J. DAVIS, Secretary.
Business:
To Receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to 31st August, 1900.
Mr. Thos. Weatherstone retires from the Board, but is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
The Rules and Regulations proposed by the Board shall consist of not less than three nor more than five directors. At present there are four directors. Mr. J. L. Beaumont is a candidate for the vacancy on the fifth director, and having given the requisite notice, offers himself for election at this meeting. Also, to elect an Auditor in place of Mr. W. Robertson, who retires, but is eligible, and offers himself for re-election.
And such other business as may be brought forward in terms of the rules and regulations.

NO 27, L.O.L., MEETS Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.

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WARDEN.—Hotel, city-west, doing £100 week, large well-furnished building, 2 bars, billiards, £5000.

WARDEN.—Suburban HOTEL, modern improvements, furnished well, lease 20 years at a rental of £4 weekly, bar trade over £70 week, thoroughly business concern, £1000 cash. 69 Elizabeth-street.

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